## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|                                                                                                                                              | nd Address of<br>nnet Lau                                             | Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>              |                                                          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INCYTE CORP [ INCY ] |                                                          |                                                                                        |      |                                                         |                                      |                                                     |                                                 | eck all appli                                                             | r 10% Owne                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                  | ner            |                                                                          |                                                     |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) EXPERIMENTAL STATION ROUTE 141 & HENRY CLAY ROAD                                                                     |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |                                                                  |                                                          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2006                            |      |                                                         |                                      |                                                     |                                                 |                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  VP Finance and Treasurer                                            |                |                                                                          |                                                     |  |
| (Street) WILMINGTON DE 19880  (City) (State) (Zip)                                                                                           |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |                                                                  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                                                                                        |      |                                                         |                                      |                                                     |                                                 |                                                                           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                                                                                  |                |                                                                          |                                                     |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                                                             |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |                                                                  |                                                          |                                                                                        |      |                                                         |                                      |                                                     |                                                 |                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                  |                |                                                                          |                                                     |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date                                                                                 |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |                                                                  | Year)                                                    | 2A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da                                           | Date | Code (In                                                | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |                                                     | ities Acquired (A) o<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |                                                                           | Benefici<br>Owned F                                                                                                                            | es<br>ally<br>Following                                                                                          | Form<br>(D) o  | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)                                        | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |                                                                  |                                                          |                                                                                        |      | Code                                                    | v                                    | Amount                                              | (A) or<br>(D)                                   | Price                                                                     | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3                                                                                                              | ion(s)                                                                                                           |                |                                                                          | (Instr. 4)                                          |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          |                                                                  |                                                          |                                                                                        |      |                                                         |                                      |                                                     |                                                 |                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                  |                |                                                                          |                                                     |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                                                                          | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yea | Code                                                             | saction<br>e (Instr.                                     | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |      | 6. Date Exercisal<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |                                      | able and 7. Title of Secu<br>r) Underly<br>Derivati |                                                 | Title and Amount f Securities nderlying erivative Security nstr. 3 and 4) |                                                                                                                                                | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactic<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>S<br>Illy | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)               |  |
|                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                            |                                                          | Code                                                             | e V                                                      | V (A) (D) Exercise                                                                     |      | Date<br>Exercisable                                     |                                      | kpiration<br>ate                                    | Title                                           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                    |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                  |                |                                                                          |                                                     |  |
| Incentive<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                                                                                            | \$5.46                                                                | 01/13/2006                                 |                                                          | A                                                                |                                                          | 10,835                                                                                 |      | (1)                                                     | 01                                   | 1/13/2016                                           | Common<br>Stock                                 | 10,835                                                                    | \$0                                                                                                                                            | 10,83                                                                                                            | 5              | D                                                                        |                                                     |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to                                                                                            | \$5.46                                                                | 01/13/2006                                 |                                                          | A                                                                |                                                          | 29,165                                                                                 |      | (1)                                                     | 01                                   | 1/13/2016                                           | Common<br>Stock                                 | 29,165                                                                    | \$0                                                                                                                                            | 29,16                                                                                                            | 5              | D                                                                        |                                                     |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Option begins vesting on the grant date in 37 installments, with the first vesting after one year and the remaining vestings monthly over three years.

/s/ Laurent Chardonnet 01/17/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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