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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> LAUGHLAN JAMES V			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LYDALL INC /DE/ [LDL]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	(Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O LYDALL, INC., ONE COLONIAL ROAD, P.O. BOX 151			(Check all applicable)		ole)			
MANCHEST	^(Street) MANCHESTER, CT 06045-0151			Director 10% Owner X Officer Otho (give title below) (specify be Controller		ther	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	on-Deriv	ative Secu	rities Bo	eneficially Owned	
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ty		2. Amount of Se Beneficially Ow (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Natu Owner (Instr. :	1	
Common Sto	ck - 401k		45		D	Â		
Common Stor	ck - ESPP		65		D	Â		

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Buy	12/07/2006(1)	12/07/2015	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 7.65	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LAUGHLAN JAMES V C/O LYDALL, INC. ONE COLONIAL ROAD, P.O. BOX 151 MANCHESTER, CT 06045-0151	Â	Â	Controller	Â		
Signatures						
David A. Jacoboski, Attorney-in-fact for James V. Laughlan			05/15/2006			
**Signature of Reporting Person			Date			

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Employee Stock Option granted under the Lydall 2003 Stock Incentive Compensation Plan. Option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments begining one year from initial grant date.

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