EDWARDS A G INC Form S-8 August 19, 2005

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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 19, 2005			
Registration No. 333-			
UNITED STATES			
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION			
Washington, D.C. 20549			
FORM S-8			
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER			
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933			
A.G. EDWARDS, INC.			
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)			
Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) One North Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63103	43-1288229 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)		
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)			
A.G. EDWARDS, INC. 2002 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN			
(Full title of the plan)			
Douglas L. Kelly,			
Secretary			
A.G. Edwards, Inc.			
One North Jefferson Avenue			
St. Louis, Missouri 63103			
(Name and address of agent for service)			
(314) 955-3000			
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service	re)		

John R. Short

Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP

720 Olive Street, 24th Floor

St. Louis, Missouri 63101

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Amount to Proposed Proposed Amount of Securities be Maximum Maximum Aggregate Registration to be Registered Registered Offering Price Per Share Offering Price Fee

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per4,000,000 shares(1) [\$] 44.12(2) [\$] 176,480,000.00(2) [\$] 20,771.70(2)

share

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8 to register an additional 4,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share, of A.G. Edwards, Inc. (the Company) issuable pursuant to the A.G. Edwards, Inc. 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended (the Plan). In accordance with General Instruction E of Form S-8, the contents of Registration Statement No. 333-98669 previously filed on August 23, 2002 by the Company with respect to the Plan is incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement on Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 8. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page hereof and the exhibits filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, on August 19, 2005.

A.G. EDWARDS, INC.

(Registrant)

⁽¹⁾ Pursuant to Rule 416(a) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, there is also being registered such additional shares and rights as may be issued by reason of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

⁽²⁾ The proposed maximum offering price per share and maximum aggregate offering price are estimated for the sole purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee. The fee has been calculated in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (h)(1) of Rule 457 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Accordingly, the maximum offering price per share is based on the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant s Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange for August 18, 2005.

By: <u>/s/ Douglas L. Kelly</u> Douglas L. Kelly

Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Robert L. Bagby and Douglas L. Kelly, and each of them (with full power to each of them to act alone), his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ Robert L. Bagby	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and	August 19, 2005
Robert L. Bagby	Director	
/s/ Ronald J. Kessler	Vice Chairman of the Board and Director	August 19, 2005
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/s/ Douglas L. Kelly	Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) and Secretary	August 19, 2005
Douglas L. Kelly		
	Director	August 19, 2005
Vicki B. Escarra		
/s/ Dr. E. Eugene Carter	Director	August 19, 2005
Dr. E. Eugene Carter		
/s/ Samuel C. Hutchinson, Jr.	Director	August 19, 2005
Samuel C. Hutchinson, Jr.		
/s/ Peter B. Madoff	Director	August 19, 2005
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/s/ Mark S. Wrighton	Director	August 19, 2005
Mark S. Wrighton		

/s/ Thomas H. Martin, Jr. Controller August 19, 2005

Thomas H. Martin, Jr.

/s/ Joseph G. Porter Principal Accounting August 19, 2005

Joseph G. Porter Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number* Description of Exhibit

23 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.

24 Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement).

^{*}Numbers correspond to document numbers in the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K.