NUVASIVE INC Form 4 May 25, 2006

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BLAIR JAMES C**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

NUVASIVE INC [NUVA]

(Check all applicable)

C/O DOMAIN ASSOCIATES.

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

LLC, ONE PALMER SQUARE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

(Street)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

05/24/2006

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

7. Nature of 6. Ownership Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

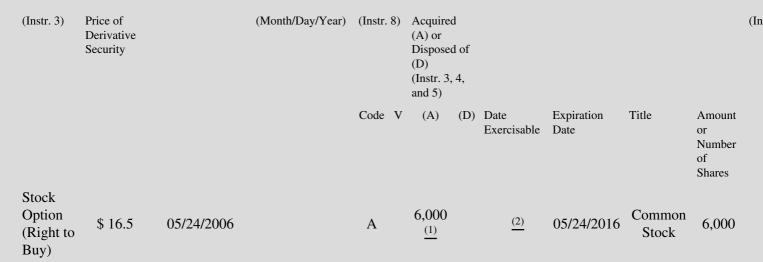
Execution Date, if any

5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. l Underlying Securities De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BLAIR JAMES C
C/O DOMAIN ASSOCIATES, LLC
ONE PALMER SQUARE
PRINCETON, NJ 08542

Signatures

Kathleen K. Schoemaker, Attorney-in-Fact 05/25/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- This option was granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2004 Equity Incentive Plan which provides for an automatic annual grant of an option to purchase 6,000 shares of common stock to each non-employee director on the date of each annual stockholders meeting. The 2006 annual stockholders meeting occurred on May 24, 2006.
- (2) The option vests in twelve equal monthly installments over one year beginning on the date of grant.

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