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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Last)

Himawan Jeff

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/09/2006

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MEDICINOVA INC [4875 OSE]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE

DRIVE #950

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

_X__ Director Officer

10% Owner Other

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92122

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Form:

Ownership Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001

11,703,704

By Essex Woodlands Health I Ventures Fund VI, L.P. (1)

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)

(Instr. 4)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4. Conversion or Exercise

5. Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form of (Instr. 5)

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Himawan Jeff

4350 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DRIVE #950 X SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92122

Signatures

/s/ Shintaro Asako, Attorney-in-Fact 01/23/2006

**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).

The Reporting Person is a managing member of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures VI, L.L.C. and is a limited partner of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures VI, L.P. Essex Woodlands Health Ventures VI, L.L.C. is the general partner of Essex Woodlands Health

(1) Ventures VI, L.P., which is the general partner of Essex Woodlands Health Ventures Fund VI, L.P. Pursuant to Instruction (5)(b)(iv) of Form 3, the Reporting Person has elected to report as indirectly beneficially owned the entire number of securities beneficially owned by such entities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities, and any proceeds thereof, that exceed his pecuniary interest therein and/or that are not actually distributed to him.

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