FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Zakrowski Donald A | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY] | | | | | | | | | Check all D | ship of Reporti applicable) rector ficer (give title | : | g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | | |
|--|--|--|---|-------|---------------------------------|--|--|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) LILLY C | (Fii ORPORAT | rst) (I E CENTER | Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2017 | | | | | | | | | | low) | l | below) unting Officer | | |
| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 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. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | nd Sec Bei Ow | amount of curities neficially ned Following ported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (/ | A) or D) | Price | Tra | nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4) | | | (111341.4) | | | | |
| Common Stock 01/2 | | | | | | | | | A | | 2,586 | | A | \$75 | 5.38 | 2,886 | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3,236 | | | 401(k) | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea | Date, | 4. Transactio Code (Insti | | on of | | 6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D | | d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | str. 3 | 8. Price Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Owne Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins | (D) irect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or | ount nber ires | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Tiffany R. Benjamin for Donald A. Zakrowski, authorization on file

01/31/2017

** 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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