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U.S. District Court Upholds Validity of Lilly's Alimta Patent Through 2022

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) today announced that the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana has ruled in the company's favor regarding the vitamin dosage regimen patent for Alimta® (pemetrexed for injection). In the case of *Eli Lilly and Company v. Teva Parenteral Medicines Inc., et al.*, the court ruled the vitamin dosage regimen patent is valid and enforceable. The patent provides intellectual property protection for Alimta until 2022. Alimta's compound patent remains in force through early 2017.

"We are pleased with the District Court's ruling on Alimta's vitamin dosage regimen patent and are confident that the patent is valid and enforceable," said Michael J. Harrington, senior vice president and general counsel for Lilly. "The significant scientific research that Lilly performed in support of the vitamin dosage regimen patent deserves intellectual property protection. We continue to emphasize that protection of intellectual property rights is extremely important to the biopharmaceutical industry and the patients we serve. These rights provide assurances of market exclusivity that help support the development of the next generation of innovative medicines to treat unmet medical needs."

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This release contains forward-looking statements regarding the U.S. Alimta patent litigation. These statements are based on management's current expectations but actual results may differ materially. There can be no assurance that the company will prevail in any appeal. Also, the company cannot predict whether generic pemetrexed will be marketed prior to the resolution of this litigation. Other risk factors that may affect the company's results can be found in the company's latest Forms 10-K and 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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