FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Azar Alex M II	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 06/04/2007 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]								
(Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER	, o, o			tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director	son(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
			X	Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)		Individual or Join	t/Group Filing (Check	
(Street)				Sr. VP, Corp. Affairs	& Comm.		X Form filed b	y One Reporting Person	
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(City) (State) (Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned									
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)				nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable at Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ite	ad 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (I			4. Conversion	e Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

No securities are beneficially owned.

<u>Alex M. Azar,II</u> <u>06/08/2007</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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Authorization Regarding Reporting Forms

I hereby authorize and designate the following persons to sign and file with the Commission on my behalf Forms 3, 4, and 5 covering my transactions and holdings in the common stock and other equity securities of Eli Lilly and Company as required by Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder:

Robert A. Armitage, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana James B. Lootens, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana Bronwen L. Mantlo, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

This authorization and designation shall remain in effect until a written revocation is signed by me and provided to the Commission.

Alex M. Azar, II

May 25, 2007