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*     Zulueta Alfonso G  |  |                     |           |                                  |           | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LILLY ELI & CO [ LLY ] |  |  |                   |        |   |                           |       |                      | Check  | ationship of Reportir<br>call applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title  |   | g Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify |   | wner |  |
|--|--|---------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|--|--|--|-------------------|--------|---|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|------|--|
| (Last)   | (Fii<br>ORPORAT  | rst) (I<br>E CENTER | Middle)   |                                  |           | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2016                |  |  |                   |        |   |                           |       |                      | X      | below)  |   | below) Emerging Markets                         |   |      |  |
| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285 (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |                     |           |                                  |           |  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |                   |        |   |                           |       |                      |        | G. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |      |  |
|  |  | Tabl                | e I - Nor | n-Deriv                          | ative     | Se   | curitie  | s Acc  | quired,           | Dis    | posed o   | f, or                     | Ben   | efici                | ally ( | Owne  | ed  |   |   |      |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/E   |  |                     |           |                                  | Execution |  |  | Code (Instr.   |                   |        |   |                           |       | 4 and Secui<br>Benet |        | cially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |      |  |
|  |  |                     |           |                                  |           |  |  | Code   | v                 | Amount | ()<br>(I  | A) or<br>O)               | Price |                      | Transa | action(s)<br>3 and 4)   |   |   | ()  |      |  |
| Common   | Stock  | 01/29               | )/2016    |                                  |           |  | S  |  | 5,000             | )      | D   | \$78.                     |       | 75 57,101            |        | D   |   |   |   |      |  |
| Common Stock   |  |                     |           |                                  |           |  |  |  |                   |        |   |                           |       |                      | 4,169  |   | I   |   | 401(k)  |      |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |                     |           |                                  |           |  |  |  |                   |        |   |                           |       |                      |        |   |   |   |   |      |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  3. Transaction Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |                     | Date,     | Date, Transaction<br>Code (Instr |           | n of   |  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                   |        | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                           |       |                      |        | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4)                               | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4   |   | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                             |      |  |
|  |  |                     |           | Code                             |           | v  | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisal |        | Expiration<br>Date  | Amoul or Number of Shares |       | nber                 |        |   |   |   |   |      |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

<u>Tiffany R. Benjamin for</u> <u>Alfonso G. Zulueta,</u> <u>authorization on file</u>

02/01/2016

\*\* 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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