

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LILLY ENDOWMENT INC (Last) (First) (Middle) 2801 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46208-0068 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2008	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
1-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		700	D	\$47.32	136,395,104	D	
2-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		100	D	\$47.33	136,395,004	D	
3-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		800	D	\$47.37	136,394,204	D	
4-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		400	D	\$47.38	136,393,804	D	
5-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		1,500	D	\$47.39	136,392,304	D	
6-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		500	D	\$47.4	136,391,804	D	
7-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,300	D	\$47.41	136,389,504	D	
8-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		1,200	D	\$47.42	136,388,304	D	
9-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		3,400	D	\$47.43	136,384,904	D	
10-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		4,200	D	\$47.44	136,380,704	D	
11-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		3,400	D	\$47.45	136,377,304	D	
12-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,300	D	\$47.46	136,375,004	D	
13-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		300	D	\$47.47	136,374,704	D	
14-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,400	D	\$47.47	136,372,304	D	
15-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,231	D	\$47.48	136,370,073	D	
16-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		4,869	D	\$47.49	136,365,204	D	
17-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,900	D	\$47.5	136,362,304	D	
18-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		3,432	D	\$47.51	136,358,872	D	
19-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,418	D	\$47.52	136,356,454	D	
20-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,300	D	\$47.53	136,354,154	D	
21-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		2,950	D	\$47.54	136,351,204	D	
22-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		1,600	D	\$47.55	136,349,604	D	
23-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		1,100	D	\$47.56	136,348,504	D	
24-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		100	D	\$47.57	136,348,404	D	
25-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		3,100	D	\$47.57	136,345,304	D	
26-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		3,000	D	\$47.58	136,342,304	D	
27-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		3,300	D	\$47.59	136,339,004	D	
28-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		1,900	D	\$47.6	136,337,104	D	
29-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		4,592	D	\$47.61	136,332,512	D	
30-Common Stock	08/22/2008		S		1,600	D	\$47.62	136,330,912	D	

**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/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

This is the first of four Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person on the same date, August 25, 2008, representing transactions #1 through #30 of 96 total transactions. All per share price figures are rounded to the next highest cent.

[by:/s/Diane M. Stenson,](#)
[Treasurer on behalf of Lilly Endowment, Inc.](#) [08/25/2008](#)

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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