FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940	
1. Name and Addres	s of Reporting Persor		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  LILLY ELI & CO [ LLY ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2801 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET		,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/20/2004	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46208-0068  (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

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		Table I - N	on-Derivat	ive Securitie	s Acq	uired,	Dis	posed of,	or Ben	eficially	Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yo		Execution	n Date,	Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 at 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
						Code V		Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
1-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		600	D	\$73.56	153,720,204	D		
2-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,700	D	\$73.51	153,718,504	D		
3-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.47	153,717,204	D		
4-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.46	153,715,904	D		
5-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		600	D	\$73.45	153,715,304	D		
6-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.43	153,714,004	D		
7-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.4	153,712,704	D		
8-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.34	153,711,404	D		
9-Common	Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,000	D	\$73.3	153,710,404	D		
10-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.25	153,709,104	D		
11-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.24	153,707,804	D		
12-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		800	D	\$73.23	153,707,004	D		
13-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		700	D	\$73.2	153,706,304	D		
14-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		600	D	\$73.19	153,705,704	D		
15-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.15	153,704,404	D		
16-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,300	D	\$73.14	153,703,104	D		
17-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,200	D	\$72.98	153,701,904	D		
18-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		800	D	\$72.97	153,701,104	D		
19-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,200	D	\$72.96	153,699,904	D		
20-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		2,700	D	\$72.95	153,697,204	D		
21-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,100	D	\$72.94	153,696,104	D		
22-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		800	D	\$72.93	153,695,304	D		
23-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		2,200	D	\$72.92	153,693,104	D		
24-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		3,800	D	\$72.91	153,689,304	D		
25-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		4,200	D	\$72.9	153,685,104	D		
26-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,100	D	\$72.89	153,684,004	D		
27-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		900	D	\$72.88	153,683,104	D		
28-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		2,000	D	\$72.87	153,681,104	D		
29-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		2,500	D	\$72.86	153,678,604	D		
30-Commo	n Stock		04/20/2	004		S		1,000	D	\$72.84	153,677,604	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)	Derivative Conversion Date Security or Exercise (Mont		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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

**Explanation of Responses:** 

## Remarks:

This is the first of two Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person on same date, April 21, 2004, representing transactions #1 through #30 of 52 total transactions.

by:/s/David D. Biber, Secretary
and Treasurer on behalf of
Lilly Endowment, Inc.

\*\* 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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