FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SANTINI GINO</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2004		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER	01/01/2001		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check		
(Street)			below)	below)	I '	plicable Line)	One Departing Decem	
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285	_		President, US Op	erations			y One Reporting Person y More than One erson	
(City) (State) (Zip)								
	Table I - Nor	n-Derivati	ive Securities Beneficial	ly Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	Form: Direc	orm: Direct (D) (Instr. 5) r Indirect (I)		Beneficial Ownership	
Common Stock			50,788	D				
Common Stock			1,144	I	401(k)			
Common Stock			2,070	I ⁽¹⁾	by o	by daughter		
Common Stock			2,070	I ⁽¹⁾	by son			
Common Stock			2,292	I ⁽¹⁾	by wife			
			e Securities Beneficially nts, options, convertible		s)			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/)	ate	d 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise	se 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)		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	04/21/1997	04/20/2004	Common Stock	15,880	12.3125	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	10/17/1997	10/15/2004	Common Stock	16,000	14.6575	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	10/16/1998	10/14/2005	Common Stock	27,728	23.4075	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	10/21/1999	10/20/2006	Common Stock	13,110	34.595	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	10/20/2000	10/19/2007	Common Stock	20,000	64.06	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	10/19/1998	10/17/2008	Common Stock	25,000	74.2813	D		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/18/2002	10/16/2009	Common Stock	46,000	66.375	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	02/20/2004	02/18/2011	Common Stock	50,600	73.98	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	10/05/2004	10/04/2011	Common Stock	23,000	79.28	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	02/19/2005	02/17/2012	Common Stock	46,000	75.92	D		
Employee stock option (right to buy)	02/17/2006	02/15/2013	Common Stock	50,000	57.85	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Remarks:

Gino Santini

01/12/2004

** 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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Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

Authorization Regarding Reporting Forms

I hereby authorize and designate the following persons to sign and file with the Commission on my behalf Forms 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:

Alecia A. DeCoudreaux, 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.

Date: January 8, 2004

Gino Santini