

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LILLY ENDOWMENT INC			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"/>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2006			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		
2801 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)	INDIANAPOLIS IN		46208-0068					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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	03/08/2006		S		900	D	\$57.51	147,644,904	D	
2-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		2,400	D	\$57.5	147,642,504	D	
3-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		700	D	\$57.49	147,641,804	D	
4-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		2,300	D	\$57.48	147,639,504	D	
5-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		3,300	D	\$57.47	147,636,204	D	
6-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		2,500	D	\$57.46	147,633,704	D	
7-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		3,700	D	\$57.45	147,630,004	D	
8-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		6,300	D	\$57.44	147,623,704	D	
9-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		3,300	D	\$57.43	147,620,404	D	
10-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		3,400	D	\$57.42	147,617,004	D	
11-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		5,900	D	\$57.41	147,611,104	D	
12-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		4,500	D	\$57.4	147,606,604	D	
13-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		1,500	D	\$57.39	147,605,104	D	
14-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		3,300	D	\$57.38	147,601,804	D	
15-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		2,600	D	\$57.37	147,599,204	D	
16-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		10,700	D	\$57.36	147,588,504	D	
17-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		800	D	\$57.34	147,587,704	D	
18-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		100	D	\$57.31	147,587,604	D	
19-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		1,400	D	\$57.3	147,586,204	D	
20-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		1,500	D	\$57.29	147,584,704	D	
21-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		3,500	D	\$57.28	147,581,204	D	
22-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		1,800	D	\$57.27	147,579,404	D	
23-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		3,300	D	\$57.26	147,576,104	D	
24-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		900	D	\$57.25	147,575,204	D	
25-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		300	D	\$57.24	147,574,904	D	
26-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		2,200	D	\$57.23	147,572,704	D	
27-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		100	D	\$57.22	147,572,604	D	
28-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		1,100	D	\$57.21	147,571,504	D	
29-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		1,000	D	\$57.2	147,570,504	D	
30-Common Stock	03/08/2006		S		1,700	D	\$57.19	147,568,804	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 same date, March 9, 2006, representing transactions #1 through #30 of 92 total transactions.

[by:/s/David D. Biber, Secretary](#)
[and Treasurer on behalf of](#) [03/09/2006](#)
[Lilly Endowment, Inc.](#)

** 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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