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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Per <u>TALLARIGO LORENZO</u>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LILLY ELI & CO</u> [LLY]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	10% Owner
(Last) (First) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2005	Х	Officer (give title below) President, Intern	Other (specify below) at'l Opers.
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN (City) (State)	46285 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Fili Form filed by One Re Form filed by More th Person	porting 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 S)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(
Common Stock	04/01/2005		М		2,000	Α	\$23.4075	56,299	D	
Common Stock	04/01/2005		F ⁽¹⁾		1,239	D	\$52.1	55,060	D	
Common Stock								1,196	Ι	401(k)

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. Transa Code (8)		of Deri Sec Acq (A) (Disp of (I	oosed D) tr. 3, 4	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date Amount of		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				
Employee stock option 10/95 (right to buy)	\$23.4075	04/01/2005		М			2,000	10/16/1998	10/15/2005	Common Stock	2,000	\$0.00	6,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 11, 2005.

Remarks:

Bronwen Mantlo for Lorenzo	
M. Tallarigo, authorization on	04/05/2005
file	

** 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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