FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PAUL STEVEN M					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2004							X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Science and Technology					
(Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable .ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(5	tate)	(Zip)														
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/D.			•	Execution Date,		Code (Instr.					6. Own Form: I (D) or I (I) (Inst	Direct Indirect Etr. 4)	'. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)				
							Code V	Amount	(A) o (D)	Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		"	1150.4)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, T Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Code (Transaction Code (Instr.		Derivative I		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Code V (A) (D) Exercisable Date Expiration Date Title of Shares							(Instr. 4)										
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$73.11	02/17/2004	02/17/2004	A		120,000		02/19/2007	02/14/2014	Common Stock	120,000	\$0	120,00	0	D		

Explanation of Responses:

Bronwen Mantlo for Steven M. Paul, authorization on file

02/19/2004

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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