

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LILLY ENDOWMENT INC (Last) (First) (Middle) 2801 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46208-0068 (City) (State) (Zip)	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) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2008	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 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	09/09/2008		S		5,900	D	\$46.46	135,794,904	D	
2-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		700	D	\$46.49	135,794,204	D	
3-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		100	D	\$46.5	135,794,104	D	
4-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		900	D	\$46.51	135,793,204	D	
5-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		200	D	\$46.52	135,793,004	D	
6-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		200	D	\$46.52	135,792,804	D	
7-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		100	D	\$46.53	135,792,704	D	
8-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		900	D	\$46.53	135,791,804	D	
9-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		600	D	\$46.54	135,791,204	D	
10-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		800	D	\$46.54	135,790,404	D	
11-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		700	D	\$46.55	135,789,704	D	
12-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		1,900	D	\$46.55	135,787,804	D	
13-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		700	D	\$46.56	135,787,104	D	
14-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		700	D	\$46.56	135,786,404	D	
15-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		300	D	\$46.57	135,786,104	D	
16-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		1,100	D	\$46.57	135,785,004	D	
17-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		100	D	\$46.58	135,784,904	D	
18-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		1,500	D	\$46.58	135,783,404	D	
19-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		600	D	\$46.59	135,782,804	D	
20-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		2,500	D	\$46.59	135,780,304	D	
21-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		1,500	D	\$46.6	135,778,804	D	
22-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		900	D	\$46.6	135,777,904	D	
23-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		900	D	\$46.61	135,777,004	D	
24-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		1,600	D	\$46.61	135,775,404	D	
25-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		300	D	\$46.62	135,775,104	D	
26-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		2,100	D	\$46.62	135,773,004	D	
27-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		1,100	D	\$46.63	135,771,904	D	
28-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		2,500	D	\$46.63	135,769,404	D	
29-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		1,200	D	\$46.64	135,768,204	D	
30-Common Stock	09/09/2008		S		100	D	\$46.64	135,768,104	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

This is the first of six Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person on the same date, September 10, 2008, representing transactions #1 through #30 of 167 total transactions. All per share price figures are rounded to the next highest cent.

[by:/s/Diane M. Stenson,](#)
[Treasurer on behalf of Lilly Endowment, Inc.](#) [09/10/2008](#)

** 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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