FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FISHER GEORGE M C</u> | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY] | | | | | | | | | Relationshi neck all app | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|-------|---|--|--|-------------------------------|--|--------|----------|---|-----------|--|---|---|-------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005 | | | | | | | | | | er (give title w) | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | e) X Forr Forr | al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. 4. Securitie Disposed C 5) | | | | | | Secur Benef | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (A (D | or | Price | Trans | action(s) 3 and 4) | | | (111501.4) |
| Common Stock 03/31/3 | | | | | | 2005 | | A | | 36 A | | \$52.3 | 31 18 | 18,208(1) | | | | | |
| | 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) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | Transaction Code (Instr.)) | | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amour or Numbe of Title Shares | | 3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins | (D) rect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Due to adjustments made by the Plan Administrator for January and February, the total amount of securities beneficially owned has been adjusted to show a decrease from the previously filed Form 4.

Remarks:

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M.C. Fisher, authorization on 04/04/2005
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).
- ** 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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