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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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>Rice Derica W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>LILLY CORPORATE CENTER</u>  (Street) <u>INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/01/2006</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LILLY ELI &amp; CO [ LLY ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr. Vice President and CFO</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	12,410	D	
Common Stock	3,050	I	401(k)
Common Stock	1,242	I <sup>(1)</sup>	401(k) - by wife

## Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee stock option 10/01 (right to buy)	10/03/2003	10/04/2011	Common Stock	5,000	79.28	D
Employee stock option 10/96 (right to buy)	10/21/1999	10/20/2006	Common Stock	2,800	34.595	D
Employee stock option 10/97 (right to buy)	10/20/2000	10/19/2007	Common Stock	5,700	64.06	D
Employee stock option 10/98 (right to buy)	10/19/2001	10/17/2008	Common Stock	5,700	74.2813	D
Employee stock option 10/98 (right to buy)	10/19/2001	10/17/2008	Common Stock	1,600	74.2813	I <sup>(1)</sup> by wife
Employee stock option 10/99 (right to buy)	10/18/2002	10/16/2009	Common Stock	10,000	66.375	D
Employee stock option 2/01 (right to buy)	02/20/2004	02/18/2011	Common Stock	12,000	73.98	D
Employee stock option 2/02 (right to buy)	02/18/2005	02/17/2012	Common Stock	10,000	75.92	D
Employee stock option 2/03 (right to buy)	02/16/2006	02/15/2013	Common Stock	11,200	57.85	D
Employee stock option 2/04 (right to buy)	02/15/2007	02/14/2014	Common Stock	25,000	73.11	D
Employee stock option 2/05 (right to buy)	02/11/2008	02/10/2015	Common Stock	23,077	55.65	D
Employee stock option 2/06 (right to buy)	02/10/2009	02/09/2016	Common Stock	27,108	56.18	D
Employee stock option 5/06 (right to buy)	05/01/2009	04/29/2016	Common Stock	30,000	52.54	D

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

## Remarks:

Derica W. Rice05/03/2006

\*\* 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 5 (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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Authorization Regarding Reporting Forms

I hereby authorize and designate the following persons to sign and file with the Commission on my behalf Forms 3, 4, and 5 covering my transactions and holdings in the common stock and other equity securities of Eli Lilly and Company as required by Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder:

Robert A. Armitage, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana  
James B. Lootens, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Bronwen L. Mantlo, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

This authorization and designation shall remain in effect until a written revocation is signed by me and provided to the Commission.

Derica W. Rice

April 28, 2006