FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---|--|--------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Canute Scott A  2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2004 |  | ment               | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  LILLY ELI & CO [ LLY ]  |  |  |  |   |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) LILLY CORPORATE CENTER  | 15/01/2001                                   |                    | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Office (circus title 200 Other (constitution)) |  |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |  |
|   |  |                    | X Officer (give title below)  | Other (spe<br>below)                   |  | dividual or Join<br>licable Line)                        | t/Group Filing (Check                                       |  |
| (Street) INDIANAPOLIS IN 46285  |  |                    | President, Mfg. O <sub>l</sub>  | perations                              | X  | _  | y One Reporting Person<br>y More than One<br>erson          |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |  |                    |   |  |  |  |   |  |
|   | Table I - Noi                                | n-Derivati         | ve Securities Beneficial  | lly Owned                              |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)   |  |                    | Amount of Securities<br>eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)  | Form: Direc                            | 8. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>Instr. 5) |  | Beneficial Ownership  |  |
| Common Stock  |  |                    | 3,000   | D                                      |  |  |   |  |
| Common Stock  |  |                    | 5,179   | I                                      | 401(k)   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock  |  |                    | 11,857  | <b>I</b> <sup>(1)</sup>                | Amy  | D. Canute Rev. Trust                                     |   |  |
|   |  |                    | Securities Beneficially<br>nts, options, convertible  |  | s)   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  | 2. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day/ | ate                | Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)   |  | 4.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise                                  | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form:                                 | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |  |
|   | Date<br>Exercisable                          | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security                               | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5)              |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 10/16/1998                                   | 10/15/2005         | Common Stock  | 8,000                                  | 23.4075  | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 10/21/1999                                   | 10/20/2006         | Common Stock  | 4,000                                  | 34.595   | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 10/20/2000                                   | 10/19/2007         | Common Stock  | 5,700                                  | 64.06  | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 10/19/2001                                   | 10/17/2008         | Common Stock  | 5,700                                  | 74.2813  | D  |   |  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)  | 10/18/2002                                   | 10/16/2009         | Common Stock  | 14,000                                 | 66.375   | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 02/20/2004                                   | 02/18/2011         | Common Stock  | 50,600                                 | 73.98  | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 10/03/2003                                   | 10/04/2011         | Common Stock  | 23,000                                 | 79.28  | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 02/18/2005                                   | 02/17/2012         | Common Stock  | 46,000                                 | 75.92  | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 02/17/2006                                   | 02/15/2013         | Common Stock  | 50,000                                 | 57.85  | D  |   |  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)  | 02/19/2007                                   | 02/14/2014         | Common Stock  | 46,000                                 | 73.11  | D  |   |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Revocable Trust of which reporting person and his wife are trustees.

## Remarks:

Scott A. Canute

10/08/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\star}$  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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Scott A. Canute Lilly Corporate Center Indianapolis, Indiana 46285

Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D.C. 20549

Authorization Regarding Reporting Forms

I hereby authorize and designate the following persons to sign and file with the Commission on my behalf Forms 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 Alecia A. DeCoudreaux, 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.

Scott A. Canute

August 22, 2004