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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Instruction 1(b). |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Ferson | | n* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LILLY ELI & CO</u> [LLY] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| FISHER GEO | FISHER GEORGE M C | | | X | Director | 10% Owner | | |
| (Last) LILLY CORPOR | (First) ATE CENTER | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/31/2005 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Otra at) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) | idual or Joint/Group Filing (| Check Applicable | | |
| (Street) | IN | 46285 | | X | Form filed by One Report | ting Person | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

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) | | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock | 05/31/2005 | | A | | 32 | Α | \$59.25 | 18,286 | 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. Transa Code (8) | | of | | 6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | 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) | 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:

James B. Lootens for George

file

M.C. Fisher, authorization on

06/02/2005

** 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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