

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) 03/15/2006	
		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	03/15/2006		S		800	D	\$57.28	146,870,004	D	
2-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		800	D	\$57.25	146,869,204	D	
3-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,300	D	\$57.24	146,866,904	D	
4-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		800	D	\$57.23	146,866,104	D	
5-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,000	D	\$57.22	146,864,104	D	
6-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		800	D	\$57.2	146,863,304	D	
7-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		1,000	D	\$57.19	146,862,304	D	
8-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,600	D	\$57.18	146,859,704	D	
9-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		1,500	D	\$57.17	146,858,204	D	
10-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		1,800	D	\$57.16	146,856,404	D	
11-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,800	D	\$57.15	146,853,604	D	
12-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		4,800	D	\$57.14	146,848,804	D	
13-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,000	D	\$57.13	146,846,804	D	
14-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		6,100	D	\$57.12	146,840,704	D	
15-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,600	D	\$57.11	146,838,104	D	
16-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		4,800	D	\$57.1	146,833,304	D	
17-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		3,700	D	\$57.09	146,829,604	D	
18-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		1,100	D	\$57.08	146,828,504	D	
19-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,000	D	\$57.07	146,826,504	D	
20-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		1,000	D	\$57.05	146,825,504	D	
21-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		3,400	D	\$57.04	146,822,104	D	
22-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		4,100	D	\$57.03	146,818,004	D	
23-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,800	D	\$57.02	146,815,204	D	
24-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		5,600	D	\$57.01	146,809,604	D	
25-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		6,600	D	\$57	146,803,004	D	
26-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		12,200	D	\$56.99	146,790,804	D	
27-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		17,700	D	\$56.98	146,773,104	D	
28-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		16,000	D	\$56.97	146,757,104	D	
29-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		6,300	D	\$56.96	146,750,804	D	
30-Common Stock	03/15/2006		S		2,500	D	\$56.95	146,748,304	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					

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

This is the first of three Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person on same date, March 16, 2006, representing transactions #1 through #30 of 66 total transactions.

by:/s/David D. Biber, Secretary
and Treasurer on behalf of 03/16/2006
Lilly Endowment, Inc.

** 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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