

LILLY ELI & CO

Form 4

March 16, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

03/15/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

__X__ 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	
	03/15/2006		S		800	D \$ 57.2	146,863,304	D	

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6-Common
Stock

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
	03/15/2006	S	12,200	D		146,790,804	D

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26-Common Stock					\$ 56.99			
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	

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

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Report Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
LILLY ENDOWMENT INC 2801 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46208-0068	X

Signatures

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

03/16/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Remarks:

This is the first of three Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person on same date, March 16, 2006, representing transactions #1 through #3.

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