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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Alvarez Ralph

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/01/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

LILLY CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

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

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

INDIANAPOLIS. INÂ 46285

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

X Director

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

(Instr. 5)

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

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

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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 of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Alvarez Ralph

LILLY CORPORATE CENTER X INDIANAPOLIS, INÂ 46285

Signatures

Ralph Alvarez 04/09/2009

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * 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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