INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Rice Derica W			2. Date of Event RequiringStatement(Month/Day/Year)	³ 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/01/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
LILLY COF	(Street)	CENTER	(0		(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group		
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46285				Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) Sr. Vice President and CFO		Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - I	Non-Deriva	tive Securit	ies Be	eneficially Owned		
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial ership : 5)		
Common St	ock		12,410		D	Â			
Common Stock			3,050		Ι	401(1(k)		
Common Stock			1,242		I (1)	401(401(k) - by wife		
Reminder: Rep	ort on a separ	ate line for e	ach class of securities benefic	ially					

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	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock option 10/01 (right to buy)	10/03/2003	10/04/2011	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 79.28	D	Â
Employee stock option 10/96 (right to buy)	10/21/1999	10/20/2006	Common Stock	2,800	\$ 34.595	D	Â
Employee stock option 10/97 (right to buy)	10/20/2000	10/19/2007	Common Stock	5,700	\$ 64.06	D	Â
Employee stock option 10/98 (right to buy)	10/19/2001	10/17/2008	Common Stock	5,700	\$ 74.2813	D	Â
Employee stock option 10/98 (right to buy)	10/19/2001	10/17/2008	Common Stock	1,600	\$ 74.2813	I <u>(1)</u>	by wife
Employee stock option 10/99 (right to buy)	10/18/2002	10/16/2009	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 66.375	D	Â
Employee stock option 2/01 (right to buy)	02/20/2004	02/18/2011	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 73.98	D	Â
Employee stock option 2/02 (right to buy)	02/18/2005	02/17/2012	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 75.92	D	Â
Employee stock option 2/03 (right to buy)	02/16/2006	02/15/2013	Common Stock	11,200	\$ 57.85	D	Â
Employee stock option 2/04 (right to buy)	02/15/2007	02/14/2014	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 73.11	D	Â
Employee stock option 2/05 (right to buy)	02/11/2008	02/10/2015	Common Stock	23,077	\$ 55.65	D	Â
Employee stock option 2/06 (right to buy)	02/10/2009	02/09/2016	Common Stock	27,108	\$ 56.18	D	Â
Employee stock option 5/06 (right to buy)	05/01/2009	04/29/2016	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 52.54	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director 10% Owner Officer		Officer	Other		
Rice Derica W LILLY CORPORATE CENTER INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46285	Â	Â	Sr. Vice President and CFO	Â		

Signatures

Derica W. Rice

05/03/2006

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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