

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

LILLY ELI & CO

CIK: **59478** | IRS No.: **350470950** | State of Incorporation: **IN** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **2834** Pharmaceutical preparations

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REPORTING OWNER

LILLY ENDOWMENT INC

CIK: **316011** | State of Incorporation: **IN** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-06351** | Film No.: **081047450**

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person LILLY ENDOWMENT INC			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/28/2008					
2801 NORTH MERIDIAN STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46208-0068								
(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)	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	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		100	D	\$46.68	136,125,704	D	
2-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		400	D	\$46.68	136,125,304	D	
3-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		100	D	\$46.69	136,125,204	D	
4-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		100	D	\$46.71	136,125,104	D	
5-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		200	D	\$46.73	136,124,904	D	
6-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		100	D	\$46.74	136,124,804	D	
7-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		2,200	D	\$46.74	136,122,604	D	
8-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		400	D	\$46.75	136,122,204	D	
9-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		400	D	\$46.75	136,121,804	D	
10-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		400	D	\$46.76	136,121,404	D	
11-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		2,000	D	\$46.76	136,119,404	D	
12-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		200	D	\$46.77	136,119,204	D	
13-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		2,500	D	\$46.77	136,116,704	D	
14-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		400	D	\$46.78	136,116,304	D	
15-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		6,039	D	\$46.78	136,110,265	D	
16-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		2,200	D	\$46.79	136,108,065	D	

17-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		2,461	D	\$46.79	136,105,604	D	
18-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		300	D	\$46.8	136,105,304	D	
19-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		1,900	D	\$46.8	136,103,404	D	
20-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		1,000	D	\$46.81	136,102,404	D	
21-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		4,200	D	\$46.81	136,098,204	D	
22-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		800	D	\$46.82	136,097,404	D	
23-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		2,100	D	\$46.82	136,095,304	D	
24-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		1,600	D	\$46.83	136,093,704	D	
25-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		4,600	D	\$46.83	136,089,104	D	
26-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		2,200	D	\$46.84	136,086,904	D	
27-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		5,500	D	\$46.84	136,081,404	D	
28-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		3,200	D	\$46.85	136,078,204	D	
29-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		7,500	D	\$46.85	136,070,704	D	
30-Common Stock	08/28/2008		<u>S</u>		1,200	D	\$46.86	136,069,504	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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Remarks:

This is the first of three Forms 4 filed by the Reporting Person on the same date, August 29, 2008, representing transactions #1 through #30 of 73 total transactions. All per share price figures are rounded to the next highest cent.

Signatures

by:/s/Diane M. Stenson, Treasurer on behalf of Lilly Endowment, Inc.

** Signature of Reporting Person

08/29/2008

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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