

LILLY ELI & CO
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LECHLEITER JOHN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

LILLY CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46285

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/15/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 09/12/2006 | | G | | 1,049 | D | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 13,110 | A | \$ 34.595 |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2006 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,140 | D | \$ 55.14 |
| Common Stock | 09/15/2006 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 7,100 | D | \$ 55.11 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 18,316 |

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|--------------|--------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 9,446 | I ⁽³⁾ | by wife |
| Common Stock | 488 | I ⁽³⁾ | cust. for daughter Elizabeth |
| Common Stock | 12,276 | I | 401(k) |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee stock option 10/96 (right to buy) | \$ 34.595 | 09/15/2006 | | M | 13,110 | 10/21/1999 10/20/2006 | Common Stock 13,110 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LECHLEITER JOHN C LILLY CORPORATE CENTER INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46285 | X | | President and COO | |

Signatures

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__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).
- (1) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 8, 2006.
- (2) Family limited partnership of which reporting person and his wife are the general partners. Reporting person disclaim beneficial ownership of shares held by family limited partnership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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