

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

by family limited partnership

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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

Bronwen Mantlo for John C. Lechleiter, authorization on file 09/19/2006

__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).
- (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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