Connelly Deirdre P Form 4 February 15, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

(Middle)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

LILLY CORPORATE CENTER

Connelly Deirdre P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

LILLY ELI & CO [LLY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2005

below)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

10% Owner

7. Nature of

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Issuer

Director

INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46285

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct

Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (T) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

> Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	or Dispose (D)	Instr. 3, 4,				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 55.65	02/11/2005	02/11/2005	A		49,704		02/11/2008	02/10/2015	Common Stock	49,704

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Connelly Deirdre P			Senior VP,					
LILLY CORPORATE CENTER			Human					
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46285			Resources					

Signatures

James B. Lootens for Deirdre Connelly, authorization on file 02/15/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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