

LILLY ELI & CO
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K
Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 20, 2005**

ELI LILLY AND COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-06351
(Commission
File Number)

35-0470950
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**Lilly Corporate Center
Indianapolis, Indiana**
(Address of Principal
Executive Offices)

46285
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (317) 276-2000
No Change

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 20, 2005, we issued a press release announcing our results of operations for the quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2005, including, among other things, an income statement for those periods and a consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2005. In addition, on the same day we are holding a teleconference for analysts and media to discuss those results. The teleconference will be web cast on our web site. The press release and related financial statements are attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

We use non-GAAP financial measures, such as adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share. Non-GAAP financial measures differ from financial statements reported in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). We use non-GAAP financial measures in comparing the financial results for the third quarter and first nine months of 2005 with the same periods of 2004. Those measures include operating income, net income, and earnings per share (EPS) adjusted for the following items:

We have excluded the impact of a charge in the first quarter of 2004 for acquired in-process research and development in connection with the acquisition of Applied Molecular Evolution, Inc. (described in more detail in our Form 8-K dated April 19, 2004)

We have excluded the impact of asset impairment charges relating to manufacturing and research and development in the second quarter of 2004 (described in more detail in our Form 8-K dated July 22, 2004)

We have excluded the impact of a charge for product liability matters in the second quarter of 2005 (described in more detail in our Form 8-K dated July 21, 2005)

We have provided adjusted proforma earnings per share for the third quarter and first nine months of 2004. Beginning January 1, 2005, we have adopted the Financial Accounting Standard Board's new accounting standard on share-based payments, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004) Share-Based Payment. We determined that it would be useful to investors to provide a year-over-year comparison between 2004 and 2005 assuming comparable accounting treatment in both years. Therefore, we have provided adjusted proforma earnings per share for the third quarter and first nine months of 2004 that assumes we had adopted the new share-based payments accounting standard at the beginning of 2004.

In the press release attached as Exhibit 99, we also provided financial expectations for the fourth quarter and full year 2005. In addition to providing EPS expectations on a GAAP basis, we provided EPS growth comparisons on an adjusted basis. In order to provide a more meaningful EPS growth comparison between 2004 results and projected 2005 results, we made the following adjustments to 2004 and 2005 earnings per share:

We eliminated the second quarter 2005 product liability charge discussed above

We eliminated the following charges recognized in the fourth quarter of 2004 (described in more detail in our Forms 8-K dated October 21, 2004, December 20, 2004, and January 26, 2005):

Asset impairments, restructuring, and other special charges

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Tax expense accrued on the expected repatriation to the U.S. of \$8.0 billion of eligible overseas earnings in 2005 under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004

A charge for acquired in-process research and development related to the in-license of an insomnia compound from Merck KGaA

We eliminated the asset impairment charges in the second quarter of 2004 discussed above

We eliminated the first quarter 2004 charge for the Applied Molecular Evolution acquisition discussed above. We excluded the effect of the items listed above. The items that are excluded are typically highly variable, difficult to predict, and of a size that could have a substantial impact on our reported operations for a period.

In addition, in light of our decision to adopt the new equity compensation accounting standard in January 2005, we provided adjusted proforma earnings per share for 2004 that assumes we had adopted the new standard in 2004. Given this change in accounting principle, we believe that adjusting 2004 as if we had applied the new accounting rules in that period will help investors to understand year-over-year comparisons.

We believe that these non-GAAP measures provide useful information to investors. Among other things, they may help investors evaluate our ongoing operations. They can assist in making meaningful period-over-period comparisons and in identifying operating trends that could otherwise be masked or distorted by the items subject to the adjustments. Management uses these non-GAAP measures internally to evaluate the performance of the business, including to allocate resources and to evaluate results relative to incentive compensation targets.

Investors should consider these non-GAAP measures in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. For the reasons described above for use of non-GAAP measures, our prospective earnings guidance is subject to adjustment for certain matters, like those identified above, as to which prospective quantification generally is not feasible.

The information in this Item 2.02 and the press released attached as Exhibit 99 are considered furnished to the Commission and are not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99	Press release dated October 20, 2005, together with related attachments

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ELI LILLY AND COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Charles E. Golden
Name: Charles E. Golden
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

Dated: October 20, 2005

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