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2012 Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement

March 5, 2012

Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend our annual meeting of shareholders on Monday, April 16, 2012.

The notice of meeting and proxy statement that follow describe the business we will consider at the meeting. Your vote is very important. I urge you to vote by mail, by telephone, or on the Internet to be certain your shares are represented at the meeting, even if you plan to attend.

Please note the ticket at the back of this proxy statement and our procedures for admission to the meeting described under <u>Meeting and Voting</u> <u>Logistics</u> below.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

John C. Lechleiter, Ph.D.

Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer

Important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the shareholder meeting to be held April 16, 2012: The annual report and proxy statement are available at http://www.lilly.com/pdf/lillyar2011.pdf

Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders

April 16, 2012

The annual meeting of shareholders of Eli Lilly and Company will be held at the Lilly Center Auditorium, Lilly Corporate Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. EDT for the following purposes:

to elect four directors of the company to serve three-year terms

- to ratify the appointment by the audit committee of Ernst & Young LLP as principal independent auditor for the year 2012
- to approve, by non-binding vote, compensation paid to the company s named executive officers
- to approve amendments to the articles of incorporation to provide for annual election of all directors
- to approve amendments to the articles of incorporation to eliminate all supermajority voting requirements

to consider shareholder proposals on establishing a majority vote committee and transparency in animal research.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on February 15, 2012, will be entitled to vote at the meeting and at any adjournment of the meeting.

Attendance at the meeting will be limited to shareholders, those holding proxies from shareholders, and invited guests from the media and financial community. A page at the back of this report contains an admission ticket. If you plan to attend the meeting, please bring this ticket with you.

This combined proxy statement and annual report to shareholders is being posted online and mailed on or about March 5, 2012.

By order of the board of directors,

James B. Lootens

Secretary

March 5, 2012

Indianapolis, Indiana

Proxy Statement Overview

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The annual meeting of shareholders will be held at 11:00 a.m. EDT on Monday, April 16, 2012 at:

The Lilly Center Auditorium

Lilly Corporate Center

Indianapolis, Indiana 46285

The board of directors of Eli Lilly and Company is soliciting proxies to be voted at the annual meeting and at any adjournment of the annual meeting. The record date for voting is February 15, 2012.

Meeting Agenda

Shareholders will vote on the following items at the annual meeting:

Agenda

ItemItem 1Elect the following nominees for director to serve a three-year term that will expire in 2015:						Vote required to pass Majority of votes cast
Name an	d principal occupation	Joined the board	Age	Public boards		
Katherine	e Baicker, Ph.D.	2011	40		Vote FOR	
Professor	of Health Economics,					
Harvard V	University					
J. Erik Fy	rwald	2005	52		Vote FOR	
President	, Ecolab Inc.					
Ellen R. I	Marram	2002	65	Ford Motor Company	Vote FOR	
President	, The Barnegat Group LLC			The New York Times Company		
Douglas I	R. Oberhelman	2008	59	Caterpillar Inc.	Vote FOR	
	n and Chief Executive Officer,					
Caterpillar Inc. <u>Item 2</u> Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young as the company s principal independent auditor.				Vote FOR	Majority of votes cast	
Item 3	Approve, by non-binding vote, compensation paid to the	e company s named e	executive	officers.	Vote FOR	Majority of
<u>Item 4</u>	Item 4 Approve amendments to the articles of incorporation to provide for annual election of all directors.					votes cast 80% of out- standing shares
<u>Item 5</u> Approve amendments to the articles of incorporation to eliminate all supermajority voting requirements.			Vote FOR	80% of out-		
<u>Item 6</u>	Consider a shareholder proposal on establishing a major	rity vote committee.			Vote AGAINST	standing shares Majority of votes cast
<u>Item 7</u>	Consider a shareholder proposal on transparency in anim	Vote AGAINST				

Majority of votes cast

Additional information about these agenda items can be found under <u>Items of Business</u> and information on voting and attending the annual meeting can be found under <u>Meeting and Voting Logistics</u> below.

Board of Directors

The company s board is comprised of our chairman, president, and CEO, John Lechleiter, Ph.D. and 13 independent directors. Their biographies and qualifications can be found under <u>Director Biographies</u> below.

Committees of the board of directors

The board has six committees, all of which are staffed by independent directors. Additional information on the functioning of the board and its committees, including director independence, can be found beginning in the section titled <u>Highlights of the Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines</u> below.

Director compensation

Our independent directors receive cash compensation in the form of an annual retainer (\$100,000), with additional annual amounts for the lead director (\$30,000), committee chairs (\$12,000 to \$18,000, depending on the committee), and directors who serve on the audit committee or the science and technology committee (\$3,000). In addition, each independent director receives \$145,000 in shares of company stock each year, payable after service on the board has ended. Additional information about director compensation can be found under <u>Director Compensation</u> below.

Contacting the board of directors

You may send written communications to one or more members of the board, addressed to:

Board of Directors

Eli Lilly and Company

c/o Corporate Secretary

Lilly Corporate Center

Indianapolis, Indiana 46285

All such communications (from shareholders or other interested parties) will be forwarded to the relevant director(s), except for solicitations or other matters unrelated to the company.

Executive Compensation

Our compensation philosophy is designed to attract and retain highly-talented individuals and motivate them to create long-term shareholder value by achieving top-tier corporate performance while embracing the company s values of integrity, excellence, and respect for people. Our programs seek to:

closely link compensation with company performance and individual performance
foster a long-term focus
reflect the market for pharmaceutical talent
be efficient and egalitarian
appropriately mitigate risk.

For a detailed discussion of our executive compensation programs and how they reflect our philosophy and are linked to company performance,

please read the <u>Compensation Discussion and Analysis</u> section of this proxy statement.

Board of Directors

Katherine Baicker, Ph.D.	Michael L. Eskew	Sir Winfried Bischoff	Alfred G. Gilman,	Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.	Franklyn G. Prendergast, M.D., Ph.D.	J. Erik Fyrwald
Professor	Former Chairman	Chairman, Lloyds Banking	M.D., Ph.D. Chief Scientific Officer, Cancer	Retired	Edmond and Marion	President, Ecolab Inc.
of Health	and Chief	Group plc	Prevention and Research	President, Private Client	Guggenheim	
Economics,	Executive Officer,		Institute of Texas	Services, and Managing	Professor of	
Department of	United Parcel			Director, Marsh, Inc.	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	
Health Policy and	Service, Inc.				and Professor	
Management,					of Molecular	
Harvard					Pharmacology and Experimental	
University School					Therapeutics, Mayo	
of Public Health;					Medical School;	
and Research					and Director, Mayo Clinic Center for	
Associate,					Individualized Medicine	
National Bureau						
of Economic						
<i>Research</i> Director		Director		Director	Director	
since 2011	Director		Director			Director
Board	since 2008 Board	since 2000 Board	since 1995 Board	since 1987 Board	since 1995 Board	since 2005 Board
committee:	committees: audit [chair];	committees: directors and	committees: public policy	committees: compensation	committees:	committees: public
public policy	compensation	corporate governance;	and compliance; science	[chair];	public policy	policy and
and compliance		finance [chair]	and technology [chair]	directors and corporate governance	and compliance; science and	compliance; science and technology
					taabnalaari	

technology

R. David	John C.	Douglas R.	Ellen R.	Martin S.	Kathi P.	Ralph
Hoover	Lechleiter,	Oberhelman	Marram	Feldstein,	Seifert	Alvarez
	Ph.D.			Ph.D.		
Chairman,	Chairman,	Chairman and	President,	George F. Baker	Retired Executive	Retired President
Ball Corporation	President, and Chief Executive	Chief Executive	The Barnegat	Professor of	Vice President,	and Chief
	Officer	Officer,	Group LLC	Economics,	Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Operating Officer,
		Caterpillar Inc.		Harvard		McDonald s
				University		
						Corporation

Director	Director	Director	Director	Director	Director	Director
since 2009 Board	since 2005 Board	since 2008 Board	since 2002 Board	since 2002 Board	since 1995 Board	since 2009 Board
committees:	committees:	committees:	committees:	committees: audit; finance;	committees:	committees:
audit;	none	audit; finance	compensation;	public policy	audit;	finance; public policy and
compensation			directors	and compliance [chair]	compensation	compliance;
			and corporate			science and
			governance			technology
						85

[chair]

Director Biographies

Class of 2012

The following five directors terms will expire at this year s annual meeting. Dr. Feldstein will retire from the board at the end of his current term. Each of the other directors in this class has been nominated and is standing for election to serve a term that will expire in 2015. See <u>Item 1</u>. <u>Election of Directors</u> below for more information.

Katherine Baicker, Ph.D.Age 40Director since 2011Professor of Health Economics at the Harvard University School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management; and
Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research

Dr. Baicker has been a professor of health economics at the Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, since 2007. From 2005 to 2007, she served as a Senate-confirmed member of the Council of Economic Advisers. From 1998 to 2005, Dr. Baicker was assistant professor and associate professor of economics at Dartmouth College. In 2001 and 2002 she also served as an economist to the Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, and in 2003 was a visiting assistant professor at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy. Dr. Baicker is a commissioner of the Medicare Payment Advisory Board and serves on the Panel of Health Advisers to the Congressional Budget Office. She is a member of the editorial boards of *Health Affairs* and the *Journal of Health Economics*, chair of the board of directors of AcademyHealth, editor of the *Forum for Health Economics and Policy*, and associate editor of the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. She is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine. Dr. Baicker has been serving under interim election since December 2011.

Qualifications: Dr. Baicker is a leading researcher in the fields of health economics, public economics, and labor economics. As a valued advisor to numerous health care-related commissions and committees, her expertise in health care policy and health care delivery is recognized by both academia and government.

Board committee: public policy and compliance

Martin S. Feldstein, Ph.D.	Age 72	Director since 2002
George F. Baker Professor of Economics, Harvard University		

Dr. Feldstein is the George F. Baker Professor of Economics at Harvard University and president emeritus of the National Bureau of Economic Research. From 1982 through 1984, he served as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers and President Ronald Reagan s chief economic adviser. Dr. Feldstein served as president and chief executive officer of the National Bureau of Economic Research from 1977 to 1982 and 1984 to 2008. In 2009, President Obama appointed him to the President s Economic Recovery Advisory Board. He is a member of the American Philosophical Society, a corresponding fellow of the British Academy, a fellow of the Econometric Society, and a fellow of the National Association for Business Economics. Dr. Feldstein is a trustee of the Council on Foreign Relations and a member of the Trilateral Commission, the Group of 30, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Council of Academic Advisors of the American Enterprise Institute, as well as past president of the American Economic Association. He previously served on the boards of American International Group, Inc., TRW, Phoenix Life Insurance, and HCA Inc.

Qualifications: Dr. Feldstein is a renowned economist, academic, and adviser to U.S. presidents of both political parties. He has deep economic and public policy expertise, financial acumen, and a global perspective. His background as an academic brings a diversity of experience and perspective to the board s deliberations. He has also served on the boards of several major public companies.

Board committees: audit; finance; public policy and compliance (chair)

J. Erik Fyrwald	Age 52	Director since 2005
President of Ecolab Inc.	C	

J. Erik Fyrwald is president of Ecolab Inc. Prior to the merger of Ecolab and Nalco Company in December 2011, Mr. Fyrwald was chairman and chief executive officer of Nalco from 2008 to 2011. He joined Nalco following a 27-year career at DuPont. From 2003 to 2008, Mr. Fyrwald served as group vice president of the agriculture and nutrition division at DuPont. From 2000 until 2003, he was vice president and general manager of DuPont s nutrition and health business. At DuPont, he held a broad variety of assignments in a number of divisions covering many industries. He has worked in several locations throughout North America and Asia. Mr. Fyrwald serves as a director of the Society of Chemical Industry, the American Chemistry Council, and the Chicago Public Education Fund, and is a trustee of the Field Museum of Chicago.

Qualifications: Mr. Fyrwald has a strong record of operational and strategy leadership in two complex worldwide businesses with a focus on technology and innovation. An engineer by training, he has extensive senior executive experience at DuPont, a multinational chemical company, where he led the agriculture and nutrition division, which used chemical and biotechnology solutions to enhance plant health. He served for three years as chairman of the board and CEO of Nalco, a global technology-based water products and services company.

Board committees: public policy and compliance; science and technology

Ellen R. Marram	Age 65	Director since 2002
President, The Barnegat Group LLC		

Ms. Marram will serve as the board s lead director beginning April 2012. Ms. Marram is the president of The Barnegat Group LLC, a firm that provides business advisory services. She was a managing director at North Castle Partners, LLC from 2000 to 2005 and served as an advisor to the firm from 2006 to 2010. From 1993 to 1998, Ms. Marram was president and chief executive officer of Tropicana and the Tropicana Beverage Group. From 1988 to 1993, she was president and chief executive officer of the Nabisco Biscuit Company, the largest operating unit of Nabisco, Inc.; from 1987 to 1988, she was president of Nabisco s grocery division; and from 1970 to 1986, she held a series of marketing positions at Nabisco/Standard Brands, Johnson & Johnson, and Lever Brothers. Ms. Marram is a member of the board of directors of Ford Motor Company and The New York Times Company, as well as several private companies. She previously served on the board of Cadbury plc. She also serves on the boards of Wellesley College, Institute for the Future, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Lincoln Center Theater, and Families and Work Institute.

Qualifications: Ms. Marram is a former CEO with a strong marketing and consumer-brand background. Through her nonprofit and private company activities, she has a special focus and expertise in wellness and consumer health. Ms. Marram has extensive corporate governance experience through service on other public company boards in a variety of industries.

Board committees: compensation; directors and corporate governance (chair)

Douglas R. Oberhelman

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Caterpillar Inc.

Mr. Oberhelman has been chairman of the board of Caterpillar Inc. since November 2010 and chief executive officer since July 2010. He previously served as vice chairman and chief executive officer-elect of Caterpillar. He joined Caterpillar in 1975 and has held a variety of positions, including senior finance representative based in South America for Caterpillar Americas Co., region finance manager and district manager for the company s North American commercial division, and managing director and vice general manager for strategic planning at Caterpillar Japan Ltd. Mr. Oberhelman was elected a vice president in 1995, serving as Caterpillar s chief financial officer from 1995 to November 1998. In 1998, he became vice president with responsibility for the engine products division and he was elected a group president and member of Caterpillar s executive office in 2002. Mr. Oberhelman serves on the board of Caterpillar, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Wetlands America Trust. He previously served on the board of Ameren Corporation. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Business Roundtable and a member of the Business Council.

Age 59

Director since 2008

Qualifications: Mr. Oberhelman has a strong strategic and operational background as a senior executive (and currently as chairman and CEO) of Caterpillar, a leading manufacturing company with worldwide operations and a special focus on emerging markets. He is an audit committee financial expert as a result of his prior experience as CFO of Caterpillar and as a member and chairman of the audit committee of another U.S.

public company.

Board committees: audit; finance

Class of 2013

The following five directors will continue in office until 2013.

Ralph Alvarez Retired President and Chief Operating Officer, McDonald s Corporation

Mr. Alvarez served as president and chief operating officer of McDonald s Corporation from August 2006 until December 2009. Previously, he served as president of McDonald s North America, with responsibility for all the McDonald s restaurants in the U.S. and Canada. Prior to that, he was president of McDonald s USA. Mr. Alvarez joined McDonald s in 1994 and held a variety of leadership roles throughout his career, including chief operations officer and president of the central division, both with McDonald s USA, and president of McDonald s Mexico. Prior to joining McDonald s, he held leadership positions at Burger King Corporation and Wendy s International, Inc. Mr. Alvarez serves on the board of directors of Lowe s Companies, Inc. He also serves on the President s Council, the School of Business Administration Board of Overseers, and the International Advisory Board of the University of Miami. He was previously a member of the boards of McDonald s Corporation and KeyCorp.

Age 56

Age 70

Age 66

Director since 2009

Director since 2000

Director since 2009

Qualifications: Through his senior executive positions at McDonald s Corporation and other global restaurant businesses, Mr. Alvarez has extensive experience in consumer marketing, global operations, international business, and strategic planning. His international experience includes a special focus on emerging markets.

Board committees: finance; public policy and compliance; science and technology

Sir Winfried Bischoff Chairman, Lloyds Banking Group plc

Sir Winfried Bischoff has been chairman of the board of Lloyds Banking Group plc since September 2009. He served as chairman of Citigroup Inc. from December 2007 until February 2009 and as interim chief executive officer for a portion of 2007. He served as chairman of Citigroup Europe from 2000 to 2009. From 1995 to 2000, he was chairman of Schroders plc. He joined the Schroder Group in 1966 and held a number of positions there, including chairman of J. Henry Schroder & Co. and group chief executive of Schroders plc. He is also a director of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. He previously served on the boards of Citigroup Inc., Prudential plc, Land Securities plc, and Akbank T.A.S.

Qualifications: Sir Winfried Bischoff has a distinguished career in banking and finance, including commercial banking, corporate finance, and investment banking. He has CEO experience both in Europe and the U.S. He is a globalist, with particular expertise in European matters but with extensive experience overseeing worldwide operations. He has broad corporate governance experience from his service on public company boards in the U.S., UK, and other European and Asian countries.

Board committees: directors and corporate governance; finance (chair)

R. David Hoover

Chairman, Ball Corporation

Mr. Hoover is chairman of Ball Corporation. Mr. Hoover joined Ball Corporation in 1970 and has held a variety of leadership roles throughout his career, including vice president and treasurer; executive vice president and chief financial officer; vice chairman, president, and chief operating officer; and chairman, president, and chief executive officer. He is a member of the boards of Ball Corporation and Energizer Holdings, Inc. Mr. Hoover previously served on the board of Irwin Financial Corporation. He is a member and past chair of the board of trustees of DePauw University and on the Indiana University Kelley School of Business Dean s Council. He is also a director of Boulder Community Hospital and a member of the Colorado Forum.

Qualifications: Mr. Hoover has extensive CEO experience at Ball Corporation, with a strong record of leadership in operations and strategy. He is an audit committee financial expert as a result of his experience as CEO and CFO of Ball. He also has extensive corporate governance experience through his service on other public company boards.

Board committees: audit; compensation

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Franklyn G. Prendergast, M.D., Ph.D. Edmond and Marion Guggenheim Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular I Experimental Therapeutics, Mayo Medical School; and Director, Mayo Clinic		
Dr. Prendergast is the Edmond and Marion Guggenheim Professor of Biochemistr Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics at Mayo Medical School and the di He has held several other teaching positions at the Mayo Medical School since 197	rector of the Ma	
Qualifications: Dr. Prendergast is a prominent medical clinician, researcher, and a administration at Mayo Clinic, a major medical institution, and as director of its re areas for Lilly oncology and personalized medicine. As a medical doctor, he bring deliberations.	enowned cancer	center. He has special expertise in two critical
Board committees: public policy and compliance; science and technology		
Kathi P. Seifert Retired Executive Vice President, Kimberly-Clark Corporation	Age 62	Director since 1995
Ms. Seifert served as executive vice president for Kimberly-Clark Corporation unt several capacities in connection with both the domestic and international consume Ms. Seifert held management positions at Procter & Gamble, Beatrice Foods, and LLC. Ms. Seifert serves on the boards of Supervalu Inc.; Revlon Consumer Produc Inc.; the U.S. Fund for UNICEF; and the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.	r-products busin Fort Howard Pa	nesses. Prior to joining Kimberly-Clark, per Company. She is chairman of Katapult,
Qualifications: Ms. Seifert is a retired senior executive of Kimberly-Clark, a glob consumer marketing and brand management, having led sales and marketing for se health. She has extensive corporate governance experience through her other board	everal worldwid	
Board committees: audit; compensation Class of 2014		
The following four directors will continue in office until 2014.		
Michael L. Eskew Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, United Parcel Service, Inc.	Age 62	Director since 2008
Mr. Eskew served as chairman and chief executive officer of United Parcel Servic to serve on the UPS board of directors. Mr. Eskew began his UPS career in 1972 a of increasing responsibility, including time with UPS s operations in Germany an vice president for industrial engineering. Two years later he became group vice pre- board of directors. In 1999, Mr. Eskew was named executive vice president and a serves as chairman of the board of trustees of The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Mr	ts an industrial e d with UPS Airl esident for engin year later was g	ngineering manager and held various positions lines. In 1993, Mr. Eskew was named corporate heering. In 1998, he was elected to the UPS iven the additional title of vice chairman. He

Qualifications: Mr. Eskew has CEO experience with UPS, where he established a record of success in managing complex worldwide operations, strategic planning, and building a strong consumer-brand focus. He is an audit committee financial expert, based on his CEO experience and his service on other U.S. company audit committees. He has extensive corporate governance experience through his service on the boards of other companies.

Corporation.

Board committees: audit (chair); compensation

Alfred G. Gilman, M.D., Ph.D. Chief Scientific Officer, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Te	Age 70	Director since 1995
Dr. Gilman is the chief scientific officer of the Cancer Prevention and Resear emeritus at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. I of Medicine from 1971 to 1981 and was named a professor of pharmacology academic affairs and provost of the University of Texas Southwestern Medic Medical School, and professor of pharmacology at the University of Texas S Distinguished Chair of Molecular Neuropharmacology; the Nadine and Tom James Gill, M.D., Chair in Medical Science at the university and was named Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Dr. Gilman was a recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physic	Dr. Gilman was on the there in 1977. He pro- cal Center at Dallas, of outhwestern Medica Craddick Distinguis a regental professor	he faculty of the University of Virginia School reviously served as executive vice president for dean of the University of Texas Southwestern al Center. He held the Raymond and Ellen Willie shed Chair in Medical Science; and the Atticus in 1995. He is a director of Regeneron
Qualifications: Dr. Gilman is a Nobel Prize-winning pharmacologist, resear- including mechanisms of drug action, and experience with pharmaceutical di- brings to the board important perspectives of both the academic and practicir	iscovery research. As	s the former dean of a major medical school, he
Board committees: public policy and compliance; science and technology (e	chair)	
Karen N. Horn, Ph.D. Retired President, Private Client Services, and Managing Director, Mar	Age 68 rsh, Inc.	Director since 1987
Ms. Horn will serve as the board s lead director until April 2012. She served Marsh, Inc. from 1999 until her retirement in 2003. Prior to joining Marsh, sl banking at Bankers Trust Company; chairman and chief executive officer of of Cleveland; treasurer of Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania; and vic director of T. Rowe Price Mutual Funds; Simon Property Group, Inc.; and No Foundation. She previously served on the board of Fannie Mae and Georgia- Brock Capital Group since 2004.	he was senior manag Bank One, Clevelan ce president of First I orfolk Southern Cor	ging director and head of international private d, N.A.; president of the Federal Reserve Bank National Bank of Boston. Ms. Horn serves as poration and vice chairman of the U.S. Russia
Qualifications: Ms. Horn is a former CEO with extensive experience in vari financial services. Through her for-profit and her public-private partnership v finance. Ms. Horn has extensive corporate governance experience through se	work, she has signifi ervice on other public	cant experience in international economics and
Board committees: compensation (chair); directors and corporate governand		
John C. Lechleiter, Ph.D. Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer	Age 58	Director since 2005
Dr. Lechleiter is chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Eli Lilly from 2005 to 2008. He joined Lilly in 1979 as a senior organic chemist and h named vice president of pharmaceutical product development in 1993 and viv vice president for development and regulatory affairs. Dr. Lechleiter became executive vice president for pharmaceutical products and corporate developm pharmaceutical operations in 2004. He is a member of the American Chemic chairman-elect of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (H University (Cincinnati, Ohio), Life Sciences Foundation, and the Central Ind	has held managemen ce president of regul e senior vice presiden ment in 2001. He was cal Society and the B PhRMA), and on the	t positions in England and the U.S. He was latory affairs in 1994. In 1996, he was named at of pharmaceutical products in 1998 and s named executive vice president for usiness Roundtable. Dr. Lechleiter serves as boards of United Way Worldwide, Xavier

Qualifications: Dr. Lechleiter is our chairman, president, and chief executive officer. Under our corporate governance guidelines, the CEO is expected to serve on the board of directors. Dr. Lechleiter, a Ph.D. chemist, has over 30 years of experience with the company in a variety of roles of increasing responsibility in research and development, sales and marketing, and corporate administration. As a result, he has a deep understanding of pharmaceutical research and development, sales and marketing, strategy, and operations. He also has significant corporate

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governance experience through service on other public company boards.

Board committees: none

Highlights of the Company s Corporate Governance Guidelines

The following summary provides highlights of the company s guidelines established by the board of directors. A complete copy of the guidelines is available online at **http://investor.lilly.com/governance.cfm** or in paper form upon request to the company s corporate secretary.

I. Role of the Board

The directors are elected by the shareholders to oversee the actions and results of the company s management. Their responsibilities include:

providing general oversight of the business
approving corporate strategy
approving major management initiatives
providing oversight of legal and ethical conduct
overseeing the company s management of significant business risks
selecting, compensating, and evaluating directors
evaluating board processes and performance
selecting, compensating, evaluating, and, when necessary, replacing the chief executive officer, and compensating other senior executives
ensuring that a succession plan is in place for all senior executives.

Mix of Independent Directors and Officer-Directors