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On February 6, 2019, Eli Lilly and Company issued a press release and the following statements were included:

Lilly plans to launch an exchange offer to Lilly shareholders in the first half of 2019 in order to divest its remaining ownership interest in Elanco Animal Health.

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Lilly plans to launch an exchange offer to Lilly shareholders in the first half of 2019 in which Lilly would tender for Lilly shares in exchange for Elanco shares in order to divest its remaining ownership interest in Elanco Animal Health. The exact timing of the company's decision to launch the exchange offer will depend upon market conditions, but the exchange offer could begin as early as the coming days.

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Lilly plans to launch an exchange offer to Lilly shareholders in the first half of 2019 in order to divest its remaining ownership interest in Elanco. Once the exchange offer is completed, Lilly will restate 2019 financial guidance to reflect Elanco as discontinued operations.

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*This communication contains certain statements about Eli Lilly and Company ( Lilly ) and Elanco Animal Health Incorporated ( Elanco ) that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions regarding Lilly's and Elanco's respective businesses, the economy and other future conditions. In addition, the forward-looking statements contained in this communication may include statements about the expected effects on Lilly and Elanco of the exchange offer, the anticipated timing and benefits of the exchange offer, Lilly's and Elanco's anticipated financial results, and all other statements in this communication that are not historical facts.*

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