

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC
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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 *
Demsey John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC [EL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/14/2008

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Group President

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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NEW YORK, NY 10153

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/14/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 30,000 | A | \$ 43.1 | 31,615.84 D |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/14/2008 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 30,000 | D | \$ 50.5 | 1,615.84 D |
| Class A Common Stock | 08/14/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 25,000 | A | \$ 43.6875 | 26,615.84 D |

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Class A
Common Stock 08/14/2008 S⁽¹⁾ 25,000 D \$ 51 1,615.84 D

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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 43.1 | 08/14/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 30,000 ⁽²⁾ | 01/01/2006 ⁽²⁾ 08/24/2014 | Class A Common Stock 30,000 |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 43.6875 | 08/14/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 25,000 ⁽³⁾ | 01/01/2002 ⁽³⁾ 08/16/2010 | Class A Common Stock 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Demsey John THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153 | | | Group President | |

Signatures

John Demsey, by Charles E. Reese, II,
attorney-in-fact 08/15/2008

__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 exercise of stock options and the sale of the underlying shares of Class A Common Stock were made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c), previously entered into on September 7, 2007 and amended on February 4, 2008.
- (2) Stock options granted pursuant to the Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 10,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2006; 10,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2007; and 10,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2008.
- (3) Stock options granted pursuant to the Fiscal 1999 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2002; 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2003; and 8,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2004.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The Reporting Person also has options to purchase at various prices 137,501 shares of Class A Common Stock of which 25,000 are currently exercisable.

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