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ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC Form 8-K October 27, 2006

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549-1004 _____

> > 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 27, 2006

The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware incorporation or organization)

11-2408943 (State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification No.)

767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Commission File Number: 1-14064

212-572-4200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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|_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

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On October 27, 2006, The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. (the "Company") issued 1,896,154 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company to Lauder & Sons L.P. ("L&S") upon the conversion by L&S of an equal number of shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company.

Shares of Class B Common Stock may be converted immediately into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis by the holder and are automatically converted into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis upon transfer to a person or entity that is not a "Permitted Transferee" or soon after a record date for a meeting of stockholders where the outstanding Class B Common Stock constitutes less than 10% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company. There is no cash or other consideration paid by the holder converting the shares of Class B Common Stock and, accordingly, there is no cash or other consideration received by the Company. The shares of Class A Common Stock issued by the Company are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) thereof.

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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, hereunto duly authorized.

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.

Date: October 27, 2006