

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC
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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 *
 KUNES RICHARD W

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)
 02/17/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec. V.P. - CFO

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)	(A) or (D)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount	Price	
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2005		M	10,000	A	\$ 24	16,468	D
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2005		S	1,250	D	\$ 44.55	15,218	D
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2005		S	2,500	D	\$ 44.65	12,718	D

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Class A Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	1,250	D	\$ 44.5	11,468	D
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	3,750	D	\$ 44.75	7,718	D
Class A Common Stock	02/17/2005	S	1,250	D	\$ 44.8	6,468	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)	\$ 24	02/17/2005		M	10,000	01/01/2000 ⁽²⁾ 08/21/2007	Class A Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KUNES RICHARD W
THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.
767 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10153

Exec. V.P. - CFO

Signatures

Richard W. Kunes, by Robin S. Elkowitz,
attorney-in-fact

02/18/2005

**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 options that were exercised were part of a grant of options that became exercisable in three tranches in respect of 3,333 on January 1, 2000, 3,333 on January 1, 2001 and 3,334 on January 1, 2002.
- (2) Exercise of stock option.

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