

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 *
 LAUDER RONALD S

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)

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/13/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman Clinique Labs, LLC

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10153

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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(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 | | 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------|---|--------|---|--|---|
| | | | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or (D) | Amount | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | C ⁽¹⁾ | | 50,000 | A \$ 0 | 187,553 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/13/2005 | | G | | 50,000 | D \$ 0 | 137,553 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,182 ⁽³⁾ | I | By Descendants of RSL 1966 Trust |

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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) | 8. P... | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ | 09/13/2005 | | C ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 50,000 \$ |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 3,182 |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 40,220 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAUDER RONALD S THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153 | X | X | Chairman Clinique Labs, LLC | |

Signatures

Ronald S. Lauder, by Robin S. Elkowitz,
Attorney-in-fact

09/14/2005

**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) On September 13, 2005, the Reporting Person converted 50,000 shares of Class B Common Stock into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.
- (2) The Reporting Person has a short position of 1,144,986 shares of Class A Common Stock established prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares to the extent he does not have a pecuniary interest in such securities.
- (4) There is no exercise or conversion price for the Class B Common Stock. It is convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis.

Shares of Class B Common Stock may be converted immediately 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 Issuer.
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