

LAUDER LEONARD A
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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 LEONARD A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/26/2007

NEW YORK, NY 10153

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/26/2007 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 33,300 | A | \$ 24.75 |
| | | | | | | | 4,652,469 |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/26/2007 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 33,300 | D | \$ 47.3505 |
| | | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,829,302 |
| | | | | | | I | by LAL Family Partners L.P. <u>(2)</u> |

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| Class A Common Stock | 390,000 | I | By Evelyn H. Lauder ⁽²⁾ |
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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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 24.75 | 02/26/2007 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 33,300 | 01/01/2001 ⁽³⁾ 07/01/2007 | Class A Common Stock | 33,300 | |
| Class B Common Stock | ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 42,700 | |
| Class B Common Stock | ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | Class A Common Stock | 40,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAUDER LEONARD A THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153 | X | X | Chairman | |
| LAUDER EVELYN H THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153 | | | Sr. Corporate Vice President | |

Signatures

Leonard A. Lauder, by Charles E. Reese, II,
Attorney-in-fact 02/27/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Evelyn H. Lauder, by Charles E. Reese, II,
Attorney-in-fact 02/27/2007

__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 August 18, 2006.
- (2) See Exhibit 99.1.
- (3) The options that were exercised were part of a grant of options that became exercisable in three tranches in respect of 333,333 on January 1, 2001, 333,333 on January 1, 2002, and 333,334 on January 1, 2003.
- (4) Not applicable.

- There is no exercise or conversion price for the Class B Common Stock. 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.
- (5)

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