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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A FERGUSO	Symbo	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LEE SARA CORP [SLE]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
(Last) THREE FIF PLAZA, 70	Middle) 3. Date (Montl	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/31/2006								
CHICAGO,	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	able I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/31/2006		A	25,557 (1)	A	\$ 16.63	89,999 (2)	D		
Common Stock							3,013	I	By 401(k)	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Sha
employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 16.63	08/31/2006		A	86,894	08/31/2009(3)	08/31/2016	Common Stock	86,89

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FERGUSON DIANA SUE THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA 70 W. MADISON STREET CHICAGO, IL 60602

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Diana S. Ferguson pursuant to power of attorney previously filed.

09/05/2006

**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).
 - Award of a restricted stock unit ("RSU") that may be settled only for shares of common stock. 50% of the RSU will vest on August 31, 2009, subject to the reporting person?s continued employment with Sara Lee through that date. The remaining 50% of the RSU will vest
- (1) on August 31, 2009 if and to the extent certain predetermined performance targets have been achieved. Depending upon the performance achieved, the reporting person could receive up to 150% of the total shares covered by the RSU. Performance targets relate to the cumulative growth in Sara Lee?s diluted EPS relative to its peer companies.
- (2) Includes 64,469 restricted stock units that may be settled only for shares of common stock. Restricted stock units generally vest one to five years after the grant date and, upon vesting, are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) Option vests in full on August 31, 2009, subject to the reporting person?s continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.

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