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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **NOLAN JAMES W** Issuer Symbol LEE SARA CORP [SLE] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O SARA LEE 08/31/2006 below) CORPORATION, 70 W. MADISON Senior Vice President **STREET** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/31/2006		A	37,583 (1)	A	\$ 16.63	87,076 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock							420	I	By 401(k) plan

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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Share
employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 16.63	08/31/2006		A	127,783	08/31/2009(3)	08/31/2016	Common Stock	127

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NOLAN JAMES W C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION 70 W. MADISON STREET CHICAGO, IL 60602

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For James W. Nolan 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 79,428 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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