

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Demsey John

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)
 09/11/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Group President

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10153

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)

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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 or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 52.83	09/11/2008		A	62,500	<u>(1)</u>	09/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	62,500
Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout)	\$ 0	09/11/2008		A	10,919	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	10,919

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Demsey John
 THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.
 767 FIFTH AVENUE
 NEW YORK, NY 10153

Group President

Signatures

John Demsey, by Charles E. Reese, II,
 attorney-in-fact

09/12/2008

__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) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 20,833 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2010; 20,833 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; 20,834 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012.

(2) Assuming continued employment, the restricted stock units will vest and be paid out as follows: 3,639 on November 2, 2009, 3,640 on November 1, 2010, and 3,640 on October 31, 2011, or in each case the first day thereafter that shares may be sold pursuant to company policy. Upon payout, shares will be withheld to cover minimum statutory tax obligations. Restricted stock units are accompanied by dividend equivalent rights that will be payable in cash at the time of payout of the related shares.

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