

Shilen Thomas S
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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 *
 Shilen Thomas S

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3500 LACEY ROAD
 (Street)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Sara Lee Corp [SLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/27/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Controller

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common stock	08/27/2009		A	(A) or (D) A	Amount 20,430 (1) Price \$ 9.79	20,430 (2)	D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 9.79	08/27/2009		A	55,214	08/31/2012 ⁽³⁾ 08/27/2019	Common stock	55,214

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shilen Thomas S 3500 LACEY ROAD DOWNS GROVE, IL 60515			Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski for Thomas S. Shilen pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. 08/31/2009

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) Consists of restricted stock units ("RSUs") that vest in full on August 31, 2012, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.
- (2) Consists of 20,430 RSUs that may be settled only for shares of common stock. RSUs 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. RSUs vest either based on the reporting person's continued employment through the vesting period, or to the extent predetermined performance targets are achieved.
- (3) Option vests in full on August 31, 2012, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.

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