

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 *
 LAUDER RONALD S

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/16/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, Clinique Labs, LLC

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10153

(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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006		C ⁽¹⁾		100,000	A	\$ 0 157,553 ⁽²⁾ D
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006		S		72,200	D	\$ 37.3 85,353 D
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006		S		1,400	D	\$ 37.31 83,953 D

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Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	200	D	\$ 37.33	83,753	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	900	D	\$ 37.34	82,853	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	3,900	D	\$ 37.35	78,953	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	200	D	\$ 37.36	78,753	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	400	D	\$ 37.37	78,353	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	800	D	\$ 37.38	77,553	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	500	D	\$ 37.39	77,053	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	5,100	D	\$ 37.4	71,953	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 37.43	71,253	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 37.44	69,853	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	4,200	D	\$ 37.45	65,653	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	3,500	D	\$ 37.46	62,153	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	3,300	D	\$ 37.47	58,853	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 37.48	57,553 ⁽²⁾	D	
Class A Common						3,812 ⁽³⁾	I	By Decendants

Stock

of RSL
1966 Trust

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	03/16/2006		S ⁽⁵⁾	100,000	⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock	100,000
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Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾					⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	Class A Common Stock	40,220

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAUDER RONALD S THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153	X	X	Chairman, Clinique Labs, LLC	

Signatures

Ronald S. Lauder, by Spencer G. Smul,
Attorney-in-fact

03/17/2006

__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).
- (1) On March 16, 2006, the Reporting Person converted 100,000 shares of Class B Common Stock into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.
- (2) The Reporting Person has a short position of 894,986 shares of Class A Common Stock established prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares to the extent he does not have a pecuniary interest in such securities.
- (4) There is no exercise or conversion price for the Class B Common Stock. It is convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis.
- (5) On March 16, 2006, the Reporting Person sold 100,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2000 Revocable Trust u/a/d April 24, 2000, Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer, as Grantor. Ms. Zinterhofer is the Reporting Person's daughter.
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.
- (6)

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