

KUNES RICHARD W
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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 *
KUNES RICHARD W

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)
02/01/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec. V.P. - CFO

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/01/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 A \$ 39.56 | 72,622 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/01/2010 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 D \$ 52.8258 | 22,622 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 6,440 | I | Shares held by spouse |

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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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.56 | 02/01/2010 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 | 01/01/2008 | 09/20/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KUNES RICHARD W THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153 | | | Exec. V.P. - CFO | |

Signatures

Richard W. Kunes, by Charles E. Reese, II,
attorney-in-fact

02/01/2010

**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 16,666 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2008, 16,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2009, and 16,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2010.
- (2) See Exhibit 99.1
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The Reporting Person also has options to purchase at various prices 160,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, 49,999 of which are currently exercisable.

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