

KUNES RICHARD W  
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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)

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/07/2012

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

(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 or Price					
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2012		M		\$ 33,334 (1)	A	26.42 (1)	33,390	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2012		M		\$ 40,000 (2)	A	\$ 17 (2)	73,390	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2012		M		\$ 47,622 (3)	A	\$ 29.04 (3)	121,012	D	

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Class A  
Common Stock 05/07/2012 S 120,956<sup>(4)</sup> D \$ 61.23<sup>(5)</sup> 56 (6) 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)

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
Option (right to buy)	\$ <u>26.42</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	05/07/2012		M	33,334	01/01/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	33,334
Option (right to buy)	\$ <u>17</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	05/07/2012		M	40,000	01/01/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/02/2019	Class A Common Stock	40,000
Option (right to buy)	\$ <u>29.04</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	05/07/2012		M	47,622	01/01/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/01/2020	Class A Common Stock	47,622
Option (right to buy)	\$ <u>49.09</u> <sup>(8)</sup>					01/01/2013 <sup>(8)</sup> 09/01/2021	Class A Common Stock	81,900 <sup>(8)</sup>
Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout)	<u>(9)</u>					<u>(10)</u> <u>(10)</u>	Class A Common Stock	40,000 <sup>(10)</sup>

## 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 Spencer G. Smul,  
 attorney-in-fact

05/08/2012

\_\_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, 2010; 16,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; and 16,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012. This option was previously reported as covering 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2010; 8,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; and 8,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012 at an exercise price of \$52.83, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012.
- (2) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 40,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; 40,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; and 40,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; 20,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; and 20,000 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013 at an exercise price of \$34.00, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012.
- (3) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 47,622 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; 47,624 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013; and 47,624 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2014. This option was previously reported as covering 23,811 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; 23,812 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013; and 23,812 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2014 at an exercise price of \$58.08, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012.
- (4) The number of securities reported represents an aggregate number of shares sold in multiple open market transactions over a range of sales prices. The price reported represents the weighted average price. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares sold by the Reporting Person at each separate price within the range.
- (5) Sales prices range from \$61.00 to \$61.42 per share, inclusive.
- (6) On January 20, 2012, the Class A Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 28 additional shares of Class A Common Stock.
- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 27,316 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013; 27,316 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2014; and 27,316 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2015. This option was previously reported as covering 13,658 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013; 13,658 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2014; and 13,658 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2015 at an exercise price of \$98.17, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012.
- (9) Not Applicable. Restricted Stock Units vest and are paid out in shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis on the applicable vesting date.
- (10) These Restricted Stock Units are from the grants dated September 2, 2009, September 1, 2010, and September 1, 2011, which will vest and pay out as follows: 20,726 on October 31, 2012; 13,780 on October 31, 2013; and 5,522 on October 31, 2014. These Restricted Stock Units were previously reported as paying out as follows: 10,363 on October 31, 2012; 6,890 on October 31, 2013; and 2,761 on October 31, 2014, but have been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012.

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