

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10153

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC [EL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2012

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)  
Chairman, Clinique Labs, LLC

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

**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            |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,494,898   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/24/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 211,747<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  | \$ 59.83<br><u>(1) (2)</u>                            |
| Class A Common Stock            | 08/24/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 133,253<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  | \$ 60.15<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                            |



## Explanation of Responses:

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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. RSL undertakes to provide the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares sold by such reporting person at each separate price within the range.

(2) Sales prices in the range from \$59.05 to \$60.04 per share, inclusive.

(3) Sales prices in the range from \$60.05 to \$60.35 per share, inclusive.

(4) Sales prices in the range from \$59.75 to \$60.42 per share, inclusive.

(5) RSL disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares to the extent he does not have a pecuniary interest in such securities.

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