

Smits Marcel H.M.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
Smits Marcel H.M.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O SARA LEE  
CORPORATION, 3500 LACEY  
ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/28/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, CFO

(Street)  
DOWNS GROVE, IL 60515

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

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common stock                    | 01/28/2010                           |  | A                              | (A)<br>Code V Amount<br>A 55,465<br>(1)                           | \$<br>12.17   | 55,465 (1)   | 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) |              |         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|---------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)       | \$ 12.17   | 01/28/2010                           |  | A                              | 149,904   | 08/31/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 01/28/2020  | Common stock | 149,904 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
| Smits Marcel H.M.<br>C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION<br>3500 LACEY ROAD<br>DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515 |               |           | EVP, CFO |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| /s/ Helen N. Kaminski for Marcel H.M. Smits pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. | 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) Consists of restricted stock units that vest in full on August 31, 2012, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.
- (2) 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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