

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC

Form 4

September 28, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KUNES RICHARD W**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**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)  
**09/26/2005**

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)  
Exec. V.P. - CFO

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	(D)	Price

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35	09/26/2005		A		50,000		<u>(1)</u>	09/26/2015	Class A Common Stock	50,000
Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout)	\$ 0	09/26/2005		A		9,664		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	9,664

## 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 Robin S. Elkowitz,  
attorney-in-fact

09/28/2005

                    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, 2007; 16,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2008; 16,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2009.

- (2) Assuming continued employment, the restricted stock units will vest and be paid out as follows: 3,221 on October 31, 2006, 3,221 on October 31, 2007, and 3,222 on October 31, 2008, or in each case the first day thereafter that shares may be sold pursuant to company policy. Upon payout, shares will be withheld to cover minimum statutory tax obligations. Restricted units are accompanied by dividend equivalent rights that will be payable in cash at the time of payout of the related shares.

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