

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC  
Form 4  
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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)

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)  
03/16/2006

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            | 03/16/2006                           |  | C <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 100,000   | A  | \$ 0  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 157,553 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 72,200  | D  | \$ 37.3   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 1,400   | D  | \$ 37.31  |

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|                            |            |   |       |   |             |                       |   |                  |
|----------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|-----------------------|---|------------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$<br>37.33 | 83,753                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 900   | D | \$<br>37.34 | 82,853                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 3,900 | D | \$<br>37.35 | 78,953                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$<br>37.36 | 78,753                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 400   | D | \$<br>37.37 | 78,353                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 800   | D | \$<br>37.38 | 77,553                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 500   | D | \$<br>37.39 | 77,053                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 5,100 | D | \$ 37.4     | 71,953                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 700   | D | \$<br>37.43 | 71,253                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 1,400 | D | \$<br>37.44 | 69,853                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 4,200 | D | \$<br>37.45 | 65,653                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 3,500 | D | \$<br>37.46 | 62,153                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 3,300 | D | \$<br>37.47 | 58,853                | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 03/16/2006 | S | 1,300 | D | \$<br>37.48 | 57,553 <sup>(2)</sup> | D |                  |
| Class A<br>Common          |            |   |       |   |             | 3,812 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I | By<br>Decendants |

Stock

of RSL  
1966 Trust

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Class B Common Stock                       | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 03/16/2006                           |  | S <sup>(5)</sup>               | 100,000   | <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>                            | Class A Common Stock  | 100,000                       |
| Class B Common Stock                       | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    | 03/16/2006                           |  | C <sup>(1)</sup>               | 100,000   | <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>                            | Class A Common Stock  | 100,000                       |
| Class B Common Stock                       | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>                            | Class A Common Stock  | 3,182                         |
| Class B Common Stock                       | \$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>                            | Class A Common Stock  | 40,220                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| LAUDER RONALD S<br>THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.<br>767 FIFTH AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10153 | X             | X         | Chairman, Clinique Labs, LLC |       |

## Signatures

Ronald S. Lauder, by Spencer G. Smul,  
Attorney-in-fact

03/17/2006

\_\_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) On March 16, 2006, the Reporting Person converted 100,000 shares of Class B Common Stock into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.
  - (2) The Reporting Person has a short position of 894,986 shares of Class A Common Stock established prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.
  - (3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares to the extent he does not have a pecuniary interest in such securities.
  - (4) There is no exercise or conversion price for the Class B Common Stock. It is convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis.
  - (5) On March 16, 2006, the Reporting Person sold 100,000 shares of Class B Common Stock to the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2000 Revocable Trust u/a/d April 24, 2000, Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer, as Grantor. Ms. Zinterhofer is the Reporting Person's daughter.  
Shares of Class B Common Stock may be converted immediately on a one-for-one basis by the holder and are automatically converted into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis upon transfer to a person or entity that is not a "Permitted Transferee" or soon after a record date for a meeting of stockholders where the outstanding Class B Common Stock constitutes less than 10% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.
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