

Demsey John
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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 *
 Demsey John

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/04/2018

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Group President

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

(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
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/04/2018 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 36,975 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/04/2018 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 19,679 | D | \$ 138.93 |

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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 138.15 | 09/04/2018 | | A | 40,587 (3) | (3) | 09/04/2028 | Class A Common Stock | 40,587 |
| Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout) | \$ 0 (4) | 09/04/2018 | | A | 12,148 (5) | (5) | (5) | Class A Common Stock | 12,148 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Demsey John THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153 | | | Group President | |

Signatures

John Demsey, by Maureen Sladek,
attorney-in-fact

09/06/2018

__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) Reflects payout of Performance Share Units ("PSUs") granted to Reporting Person on September 4, 2015.
- (2) Represents the withholding of shares for tax purposes in connection with the payout of the PSUs.
- (3) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 13,529 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2020; 13,529 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2021; and 13,529 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2022.

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(4) Not applicable.

Assuming continued employment, these Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") will vest and be paid out as follows: 4,049 on October 31, 2019; 4,049 on November 2, 2020; and 4,050 on November 1, 2021. RSUs vest and are paid out in shares of Class A Common Stock on a

(5) one-to-one basis on the applicable vesting date. Upon payout, shares will be withheld to cover statutory tax obligations. RSUs 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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