

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC
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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

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)
11/11/2004

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman Clinique Labs, Inc.

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
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	11/11/2004		C ⁽³⁾		500,000	A	\$ 0
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2004		S		150,000	D	\$ 44,7251
Class A Common Stock							3,182 ⁽⁵⁾

By Decedents of RSL 1966 Trust

Class A Common Stock	15,384 ⁽⁵⁾	I	Lauder & Sons L.P.
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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
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	11/11/2004		C ⁽³⁾	500,000	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	500,000
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	3,182
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	3,846,154
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾					<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock	40,220

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

11/15/2004

__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) 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-for-one basis.

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.
- (2) On November 11, 2004, the Reporting Person converted 500,000 shares of Class B Common Stock into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.
- (3) The Reporting Person has a short position of 3,394,986 shares of Class A Common Stock established prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (4) See Exhibit 99.1

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