

LAUDER LEONARD A  
Form 4  
November 15, 2004

**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 LEONARD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC [EL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/12/2004

NEW YORK, NY 10153  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	11/12/2004		M	300,000	A	\$ 21.375	5,711,969	D
Class A Common Stock	11/12/2004		S	342,800	D	\$ 44.203	5,369,169 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Class A Common Stock							3,029,302	I
								by LAL Family Partners L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>

Class A Common Stock	15,384	I	by Lauder & Sons L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>
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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 Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.375	11/12/2004		M	300,000	01/01/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/01/2006	Class A Common Stock	300,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAUDER LEONARD A THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153	X	X	Chairman	
LAUDER EVELYN H THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153			Sr. Corporate Vice President	

## Signatures

Leonard A. Lauder, by Spencer G. Smul, Attorney-in-fact	11/15/2004
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Evelyn H. 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) See Exhibit 99.1

(2) The options that were exercised were part of a grant of options that became exercisable in three equal tranches on January 1, 2000, January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2002.

(3) Exercise of stock option.

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