MOSS SARA E Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **MOSS SARA E** Issuer Symbol **ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES** (Check all applicable) INC [EL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title ) (Month/Day/Year) below) THE ESTEE LAUDER 12/21/2010 Executive VP & General Counsel **COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting NEW YORK, NY 10153 Person

(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. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (	` '	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)	
Class A Common Stock	12/21/2010		M(1)	12,500	A	\$ 39.56	29,689	D		
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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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of conDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		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 Share
Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.56	12/21/2010	M <u>(1)</u>		12,500	01/01/2008(3)	09/20/2016	Class A Common Stock	12,50

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MOSS SARA E THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153

Executive VP & General Counsel

## **Signatures**

Sara E. Moss, by Spencer G. Smul, attorney-in-fact

12/21/2010

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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) The exercise of stock options and the sale of the underlying shares of Class A Common Stock were made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c), previously entered into on November 12, 2010.
- The number of securities reported represents an aggregate number of shares sold in multiple open market transactions over a range from \$80.00 to \$80.04, inclusive. The price reported represents the weighted average price. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares sold by the Reporting Person at each separate price within the range.
- (3) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2008, 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2009, and 8,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2010.
- (4) Not Applicable
- (5) The Reporting Person also has options to purchase at various prices 188,125 shares of Class A Common Stock, 87,499 of which are currently exercisable.

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