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Form 8-K  
September 29, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT - September 24, 2003  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File No. 1-14064

Delaware  
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(State of Incorporation)

11-2408943  
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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York  
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(Address of principal  
executive offices)

10153  
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Zip Code

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 572-4200

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

On September 24, 2003, The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. entered into a firm commitment underwriting agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., BNP Paribas Securities Corp. and Fleet Securities, Inc. to sell \$200,000,000 of its 5.75% Senior Notes due 2033 (the "Notes") under a Registration Statement (File No. 333-104133) on Form S-3 declared effective on April 10, 2003. The transaction was completed on September 29, 2003, and the Notes were issued under the indenture previously executed between The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company, as trustee.

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A copy of each of the underwriting agreement, the indenture, the officers' certificate setting forth the terms of the Notes and the global note are attached hereto as Exhibits 1.1, 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, respectively.

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SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.

By: /s/ Richard W. Kunes

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Name: Richard W. Kunes  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer (Principal  
Financial and Accounting Officer)

Dated: September 29, 2003

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated as of September 24, 2003, among the Company and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., BNP Paribas Securities Corp. and Fleet Securities, Inc.
4.1	Indenture, dated as of November 5, 1999, between the Company and U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company, N.A. (filed as Exhibit 4 to Amendment No. 1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-85947) on November 5, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.2	Officers' Certificate, dated September 29, 2003, defining certain terms of the 5.75% Senior Notes due 2033.

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4.3 Global Note for the 5.75% Senior Notes due 2033.