HOBSON MELLODY L

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOBSON MELLODY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

INC [EL]

12/28/2005

3.

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

Issuer

10% Owner Other (specify

ARIEL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC, 200 EAST

RANDOLPH DRIVE, STE. 2900

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported

Transaction(s)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

4. Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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)

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	(A) 01	rivative ities red sed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code '	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (Share Payout)	\$ 0	12/28/2005		A <u>(1)</u>	8.95	5	(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	8.95	\$ 33
Stock Units (Cash Payout)	\$ 0	12/28/2005		A(1)	25.1	2	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Class A Common Stock	25.12	\$ 33

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting o macrimate / reaction	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HOBSON MELLODY L ARIEL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 200 EAST RANDOLPH DRIVE, STE. 2900 CHICAGO, IL 60601	X						
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Signatures

Mellody Hobson, by Spencer G. Smul, Attorney-in-fact

12/29/2005

**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) Represents reinvestment of dividend equivalents on outstanding stock units.
- (2) The stock units will be paid out the first January 1 after the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.

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