

Smits Marcel H.M.  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Smits Marcel H.M.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION, 3500 LACEY ROAD

(Street)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Sara Lee Corp [SLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/26/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Interim CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common stock	08/26/2010		A	(A) Code V Amount (D) Price A (1) 13,662 \$ 14.64	84,127	D	
Common stock	08/26/2010		A	(A) Code V Amount (D) Price A (2) 23,054 \$ 14.64	107,181 (3)	D	

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 14.64	08/26/2010		A	106,630	08/31/2013 <sup>(4)</sup> 08/26/2020	Common stock 100

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smits Marcel H.M. C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION 3500 LACEY ROAD DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515			Interim CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski for Marcel H.M. Smits pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. 08/30/2010

\*\*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) One time grant of common stock in recognition of additional responsibilities the reporting person assumed since the departure of the company's chief executive officer in May 2010.
- (2) Consists of restricted stock units ("RSUs") that vest in full on August 31, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.
  - Includes 78,519 RSUs that may be settled only for shares of common stock. RSUs generally vest one to five years after the grant date
- (3) and, upon vesting, are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. RSUs vest based on the reporting person's continued employment through the vesting period.
- (4) Option vests in full on August 31, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee through that date.

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