

Trower Alexandra C.
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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 *
Trower Alexandra C.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/04/2012

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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NEW YORK, NY 10153

(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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 11,740 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/04/2012 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 16,932 ⁽¹⁾ | A \$ 0 | 28,672 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/04/2012 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 8,521 | D \$ 59.67 | 20,151 | D |

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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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 59.78 | 09/04/2012 | | A | 39,823 | <u>(3)</u> 09/04/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 39,823 |
| Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout) | \$ 0 | 09/04/2012 | | A | 7,361 | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 7,361 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Trower Alexandra C. THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153 | X | | EVP - Global Communications | |

Signatures

Alexandra C. Trower, by Spencer G. Smul,
attorney-in-fact

09/06/2012

__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) Reflects payout of Performance Share Units ("PSUs") granted to Reporting Person on September 2, 2009. Aggregate target payout for the opportunities was 11,288 shares of Class A Common Stock.

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- (2) Represents the withholding of shares for tax purposes in connection with the payout of the PSUs.
- (3) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 13,274 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2014; 13,274 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2015; and 13,275 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2016.
- Assuming continued employment, the Restricted Stock Units granted on September 4, 2012 will vest and be paid out as follows: 2,453 on October 31, 2013; 2,454 on October 31, 2014; and 2,454 on October 31, 2015. Assuming continued employment, the Restricted Stock
- (4) Units held by the Reporting Person will vest and be paid out as follows: 11,196 on October 31, 2012; 9,885 on October 31, 2013; 5,512 on October 31, 2014; and 2,454 on October 31, 2015. Upon payout, shares will be withheld to cover minimum statutory tax obligations. Restricted Stock Units are accompanied by dividend equivalent rights that will be payable in cash at the time of payout of the related shares.

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