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ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC Form 4 February 28, 2008 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 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 LAUDER RONALD S Issuer Symbol ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES (Check all applicable) INC [EL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director X__ 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) THE ESTEE LAUDER 02/27/2008 Chairman, Clinique Labs, LLC 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 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 7. Nature of 6. TransactionDisposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (\mathbf{I}) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Class A $C^{(1)}$ Common 02/27/2008 750,000 A (2)807,553 D Stock Class A \$ Common 02/27/2008 S 750,000 D 43.2666 57,553 D (3) Stock By Class A Decendants Common $3,182^{(4)}$ I or RSL Stock 1966 Trust

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acqu Disp	umber of vative urities uired (A) or posed of (D) r. 3, 4, and	6. Date Exercisable and 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 Shares
Class B Common Stock	<u>(5)</u>	02/27/2008		C <u>(1)</u>		750,000	(6)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	750,000
Class B Common Stock	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Class A Common Stock	3,182
Class B Common Stock	<u>(5)</u>						<u>(6)</u>	(6)	Class A Common Stock	40,220

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
T. S.	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LAUDER RONALD S THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153	Х	Х	Chairman, Clinique Labs, LLC				
Signatures							
Ronald S. Lauder, by Spencer G. Smul, Attorney-in-fact	02/28/2008						
**Signature of Reporting Person		D	ate				
Explanation of Response	e.						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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On February 27, 2008, the Reporting Person converted 750,000 shares of Class B Common Stock into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.

- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) See Exhibit 99.1.
- (4) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares to the extent he does not have a pecuniary interest in such securities.
- (5) There is no exercise or conversion price for the Class B Common Stock. It is convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis.

Shares of Class B Common Stock may be converted immediately on a one-for-one basis by the holder and are automatically converted into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis upon transfer to a person or entity that is not a "Permitted Transferee" or soon after a

 (6) Into class A common stock on a one-to-one basis upon dansfer to a person of entity that is not a Termited Transferee of soon after record date for a meeting of stockholders where the outstanding Class B Common Stock constitutes less than 10% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

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