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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LAUDER RONALD S			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) 08/18/2005					_X Director _X 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman Clinique Labs, Inc.			
				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 Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefi	cially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	on Date 2A. Deemed		Code (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)	
Class A Common Stock	08/18/2005			G	210,000	D	\$ 0	162,553 (1)	D		
Class A Common Stock								3,182	I	By Descendants of RSL 1966 Trust	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber 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)		8 I S
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 (2)					<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Class A Common Stock	14,228,019	
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 (2)					(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	3,182	
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 (2)					(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	40,220	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Funder Funders	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LAUDER RONALD S THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153	X	X	Chairman Clinique Labs, Inc.				

Signatures

Ronald S. Lauder, by Robin S. Elkowitz,
Attorney-in-fact

08/19/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) The Reporting Person has a short position of 1,144,986 shares of Class A Common Stock established prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (2) 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 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 Issuerer.
- (4) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares to the extent he does not have a pecuniary interest in such securities. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.