

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC  
 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 \*  
 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, Clinique Labs, LLC

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

(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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	02/16/2012		G	V	17,750	D	11
Class A Common Stock					6,364	I	(3)
							(2)
							(4)

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. 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)	8. Price or Number of Shares
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>					<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Class A Common Stock	13,328,976 <sup>(7)</sup>
Class B Common Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>					<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Class A Common Stock	6,364 <sup>(8)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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, LLC	

## Signatures

Ronald S. Lauder, by Spencer G. Smul,  
Attorney-in-fact      02/17/2012

<sup>(1)</sup>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) Not applicable.
- (2)

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On January 20, 2012, the Class A Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 32,553 additional shares of Class A Common Stock.

- (3) On January 20, 2012, the Class A Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's indirect beneficial ownership of 3,182 additional shares of Class A Common Stock.
- (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 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.
- (6) On January 20, 2012, the Class B Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 6,664,488 additional shares of Class B Common Stock.
- (7) On January 20, 2012, the Class B Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's indirect beneficial ownership of 3,182 additional shares of Class B Common Stock.
- (8) On January 20, 2012, the Class B Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's indirect beneficial ownership of 3,182 additional shares of Class B Common Stock.

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