

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 *
 Hockaday Irvine O Jr

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)
 2600 GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 450
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2008

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

KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Pr Deriv |
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Secu (Instr | | | |
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| | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Stock Units (Share Payout) | (1) | 12/17/2008 | A(2) | 90.54 | | (3) | (3) | Class A Common Stock | 90.54 | \$ 3 |
| Stock Units (Cash Payout) | (1) | 12/17/2008 | A(2) | 425.37 | | (3) | (3) | Class A Common Stock | 425.37 | \$ 3 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hockaday Irvine O Jr
 2600 GRAND AVENUE, SUITE 450 X
 KANSAS CITY, MO 64108

Signatures

Irvine O. Hockaday, Jr., by Charles E. Reese, II,
 Attorney-in-fact

12/18/2008

__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) Represents reinvestment of dividend equivalents on outstanding stock units.

(3) The stock units will be paid out the first business day of the calendar year following the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.

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