

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/31/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 10/31/2011 | | C | 6,614 A | 12,307 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 10/31/2011 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 3,340 D | \$ 99.99 8,967 | D | |

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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout) | <u>(1)</u> | 10/31/2011 | | M | 6,614 <u>(3)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 6,614 |

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

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Signatures

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

11/02/2011

__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. Restricted stock units vest and are paid out in shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis on the applicable vesting date.
- (2) Represents the withholding of shares for tax purposes.
- (3) Vesting of portions of restricted stock units granted September 11, 2008, September 2, 2009, September 3, 2009 and September 1, 2010.
- (4) Remaining restricted stock units from the grants dated September 2, 2009, September 1, 2010 and September 1, 2011 will vest and be paid out as follows: 5,598 on October 31, 2012, 3,716 on October 31, 2013 and 1,529 on October 31, 2014. Upon payout, additional shares will be withheld to cover minimum statutory tax obligations. Restricted stock units are accompanied by dividend equivalent rights

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that will be payable in cash at the time of payout of the related shares.

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