

DiGeso Amy  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
DiGeso Amy

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC [EL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
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(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/16/2012

(Street)  
  
NEW YORK, NY 10153

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

(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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	13,212	A	\$ 17 37,313	D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	13,212	D	\$ 65 24,101	D
Class A Common Stock	10/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	8,011	A	\$ 17 32,112	D

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Class A  
Common Stock      10/17/2012      S<sup>(1)</sup>      8,011      D      \$ 65      24,101      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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 17 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/16/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	13,212	01/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/02/2019	Class A Common Stock	13,212
Option (right to buy)	\$ 17 <sup>(2)</sup>	10/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	8,011	01/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/02/2019	Class A Common Stock	8,011

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DiGeso Amy THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153			EVP - Global Human Resources	

## Signatures

By: Amy DiGeso by Spencer G. Smul,  
attorney-in-fact      10/18/2012

        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) The exercise of stock options and the sale of the underlying shares of Class A Common Stock were made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c), previously entered into on September 4, 2012.  

Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 23,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012. This option was previously reported as covering 11,666 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; 11,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; and 11,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013 at an exercise price of \$34.00, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012. Options in respect of 23,332 shares (post-split) subject to this grant were exercised prior to such date.
- (2) exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; and 11,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013 at an exercise price of \$34.00, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012. Options in respect of 23,332 shares (post-split) subject to this grant were exercised prior to such date.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The Reporting Person also has options to purchase at various prices 198,582 shares of Class A Common Stock, 29,137 of which are currently exercisable.

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