

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/21/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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(Street)  
 NEW YORK, NY 10153

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2012		M		16,668	A	\$ 26.415 <u>(1)</u>
Class A Common Stock	09/21/2012		S <sup>(2)</sup>		16,668	D	\$ 62 24,101 <sup>(3)</sup>

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
Class A Common Stock	\$ 26.415 <sub>(1)</sub>	09/21/2012		M	16,668	01/01/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	16,668

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.  
767 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10153

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## Signatures

By: Amy DiGeso by Spencer G. Smul,  
attorney-in-fact

09/25/2012

\_\_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).

- Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 16,668 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012. This option was previously reported as covering 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2010; 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; and 8,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012 at an exercise price of \$52.83, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012. Options in respect of 33,332 shares (post-split) subject to this grant were exercised prior to such date.
- (1) The sale of the 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.
  - (2) The Reporting Person also has options to purchase at various prices 219,805 shares of Class A Common Stock, 50,360 of which are currently exercisable.
  - (3) Not applicable.
  - (4) Not applicable.

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