DiGeso Amy Form 4 January 05, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DiGeso Amy

(First)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC [EL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2011

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

EVP - Global Human Resources

10% Owner

Other (specify

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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)

Director

below)

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10153

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transactionor Disposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following or Indirect Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Class A $M^{(1)}$ Common 01/03/2011 11,666 A \$ 34 17,260 D Stock Class A Common 01/03/2011 $S^{(1)}$ 11,465 D 80.5776 5,795 D (2)(7)Stock Class A \$ $S^{(1)}$ Common 01/03/2011 201 D 81.2348 5,594 D (2)(8)Stock

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Class A Common Stock	01/04/2011	M(1)	8,334	A	\$ 42.58	13,928	D
Class A Common Stock	01/04/2011	S <u>(1)</u>	8,334	D	\$ 81.5 (2)	5,594	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	onDeriv Secur Acqu	rities ired (A) sposed of . 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option (right to buy)	\$ 34	01/03/2011		M <u>(1)</u>		11,666	01/01/2011(3)	09/02/2019	Class A Common Stock	11,66
Option (right to buy)	\$ 42.58	01/03/2011		M <u>(1)</u>		8,334	01/01/2011(4)	09/21/2017	Class A Common Stock	8,334

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DiGeso Amy THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.			EVP - Global Human Resources					
767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10153			D + 1 Groom Framan Resources					

Signatures

By: Amy DiGeso by Spencer G. Smul, attorney-in-fact 01/05/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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 December 9, 2010.
- The number of securities reported represents an aggregate number of shares sold in multiple open market transactions over a range of sales prices. The price reported represents the weighted average price. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares sold by the Reporting Person at each separate price within the range.
- (3) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 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.
- (4) Stock Options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2009; 8,333 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2010; 8,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011.
- (5) Not Applicable
- (6) The Reporting Person also has options to purchase at various prices 80,542 shares of Class A Common Stock, 8,333 of which are currently exercisable.
- (7) Sales prices range from \$80.19 to \$81.17 per share, inclusive.
- (8) Sales prices range from \$81.19 to \$81.27 per share, inclusive.

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