

HOBSON MELLODY L  
Form 4  
November 14, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HOBSON MELLODY L

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)

ARIEL CAPITAL  
MANAGEMENT, LLC, 200 EAST  
RANDOLPH DRIVE, STE. 2900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/10/2005

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

(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

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A) or (D)	Code V Amount Price			
Class A Common Stock	11/10/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	2,000 A 11 2,000		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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Units (cash payout)	\$ 0 <u>(2)</u>	11/10/2005		A		605.79 <u>(3)</u>		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Class A Common Stock	605.79
Stock Units (share payout)	\$ 0 <u>(5)</u>	11/10/2005		A		747.34		<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Class A Common Stock	747.34
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.84	11/10/2005		A		5,000		11/10/2006	11/10/2015	Class A Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOBSON MELLODY L ARIEL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC 200 EAST RANDOLPH DRIVE, STE. 2900 CHICAGO, IL 60601	X			

## Signatures

Mellody Hobson, by Robin S. Elkowitz,  
Attorney-in-fact

11/11/2005

                    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) Granted pursuant to the Issuer's Non-employee Director Share Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each stock unit (cash payout) is convertible into cash equal to the value of one share of Class A Common Stock (i.e. 1:1).
- (3) Reflects grant of stock units in lieu of cash for quarterly board and committee retainers.
- (4)

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The stock units (cash payout) will be paid out the first January 1 after the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.

- (5) Each stock unit (share payout) is convertible into cash equal to the value of one share of Class A Common Stock (i.e. 1:1).
- (6) The stock units (share payout) will be paid out the first business day of the calendar year after the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the company.

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