#### ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC

Form 4

October 18, 2005

### FORM 4

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

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

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may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

LAUDER RONALD S Symbol

INC [EL]

**ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES** 

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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(Last) (First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director X\_\_ 10% Owner \_ Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

10/18/2005

below) Chairman Clinique Labs, LLC

THE ESTEE LAUDER **COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE** 

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10153

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tak   | ole I - Non-   | Derivative S | Securi | ties Ac   | quired, Disposed  | l of, or Benefi  | cially Owned                              |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|--------|---|-------------------|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acqu<br>Transaction(A) or Disposed of<br>Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>(Instr. 8) |              |        | osed of (D)  Securities  Beneficially  Owned  Following  Reported  Transaction(s)  or  (Instr. 3 and 4) |                   | 6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4) |   |
| Class A                              |   |   | Code V   | Amount       | (D)    | Price   | (msu. 3 und 1)    |  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 10/18/2005                              |   | C(1)   | 250,000      | A      | \$ 0  | 307,553           | D  |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock           | 10/18/2005                              |   | J(2)   | 250,000      | D      | \$0   | 57,553 <u>(3)</u> | D  |   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock           |   |   |  |              |        |   | 3,182 <u>(4)</u>  | I  | By<br>Descendants<br>of RSL 1966<br>Trust |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | CransactionDerivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) |         | ate                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |                                  |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------|---------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                | (A)  | (D)     | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                      | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock                          | \$ 0 (5)  | 10/18/2005                              |   | С                                     |  | 250,000 | <u>(6)</u>          | <u>(6)</u>  | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 250,000                          |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock                          | \$ 0 (5)  |   |   |                                       |  |         | <u>(6)</u>          | <u>(6)</u>  | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 3,182                            |
| Class B<br>Common<br>Stock                          | \$ 0 <u>(5)</u>   |   |   |                                       |  |         | <u>(6)</u>          | <u>(6)</u>  | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 40,220                           |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                             |       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Tripy and I may read to  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |  |  |  |  |
| LAUDER RONALD S<br>THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.<br>767 FIFTH AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10153 | X             | X         | Chairman Clinique Labs, LLC |       |  |  |  |  |

# **Signatures**

Ronald S. Lauder, by Robin S. Elkowitz, Attorney-in-fact

\*\*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).

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On October 18, 2005, the Reporting Person converted 250,000 shares of Class B Common Stock into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock.

- (2) Delivery of shares by Reporting Person to satisfy, in part, stock loans entered into prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (3) The Reporting Person has a short position of 894,986 shares of Class A Common Stock established prior to the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (4) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares to the extent he does not have a pecuniary interest in such securities.
- (5) There is no exercise or conversion price for the Class B Common Stock. It is convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis.
- Shares of Class B Common Stock may be converted immediately on a one-for-one basis by the holder and are automatically converted into Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis upon transfer to a person or entity that is not a "Permitted Transferee" or soon after a record date for a meeting of stockholders where the outstanding Class B Common Stock constitutes less than 10% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Issuerer.

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