

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC

Form 4

February 17, 2006

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)**

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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)	8. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (Cash Payout)	\$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	02/16/2006		A		531.77 <u>⁽²⁾</u>		<u>⁽³⁾</u>	<u>⁽³⁾</u>	Class A Common Stock	531.77	\$ 3

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 Spencer G. Smul,
Attorney-in-fact

02/17/2006

 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) 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).
- (2) Reflects grant of stock units in lieu of cash for quarterly board and committee retainers.
- (3) 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.

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