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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549-1004

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 7, 2005

The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 11-2408943 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York (Address of principal executive offices) 10153 (Zip Code)

Commission File Number: 1-14064

212-572-4200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

On September 7, 2005, the Company issued 475,000 shares of Class A

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Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Class A Shares"), of the Company to The RSL Article VII 2002 Trust upon the conversion by such trust of an equal number of shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Class B Shares"), of the Company. On August 18, 2005, the Company issued 750,000 Class A Shares of the Company to Lauder & Sons L.P. ("L&S") upon the conversion by L&S of an equal number of Class B Shares of the Company. On August 2, 2005, the Company issued 315,000 Class A Shares of the Company to Ronald S. Lauder upon the conversion by him of an equal number of Class B shares of the Company.

Shares of Class B Common Stock may be converted immediately into Class A Common Stock 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 Issuer. The Class A Shares issued by the Company are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to Section 3(a)(9) thereof.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.

Date: September 9, 2005

By: /s/ Richard W. Kunes

Richard W. Kunes Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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