ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC

Form 4 July 21, 2005

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STERNLICHT BARRY S

(Middle)

(First)

STARWOOD CAPITAL GROUP, 591 W. PUTNAM AVE.

(Street)

GREENWICH, CT 06830 (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC [EL]

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

07/20/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

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

(I)

(Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

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(9-02)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Issuer

below)

Securities

Following

Owned

Beneficially

X_ Director

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Secu (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (cash payout)	\$ 0 (1)	07/20/2005		A		540.32 (2)		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	540.32	\$ 3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STERNLICHT BARRY S

STARWOOD CAPITAL GROUP
591 W. PUTNAM AVE.

GREENWICH, CT 06830

Signatures

Barry S. Sternlicht, by Robin S. Elkowitz, Attorney-in-fact

07/21/2005

**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) Each stock unit 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 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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