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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Freda Fabrizio

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES

(Check all applicable)

President and CEO

INC [EL]

02/16/2012

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

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

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

(Street)

(State)

AVENUE

(City)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

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Table I. Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of or Peneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10153

(,)	()	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	rea, Disposea of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of	` ′	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)
Class A Common Stock	02/16/2012		M(1)	50,510	A	\$ 26.415 (2)	60,850	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/16/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	50,510	D	\$ 55.57 (3) (4)	10,340 (5) (6)	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Derivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Year) acquired (A) r Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.415 (2)	02/16/2012		M <u>(1)</u>		50,510	01/01/2010(2)	09/11/2018	Class A Common Stock	50,510

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Freda Fabrizio THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK NY 10153	X		President and CEO			

Signatures

Fabrizio Freda, by Spencer G. Smul, attorney-in-fact 02/17/2012

**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) The exercise of the options and sales of the shares of Class A Common Stock were made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c), previously entered into on December 8, 2011.
- (2) Stock Options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 116,666 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2010; 116,666 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; 116,668 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012.
- The number of securities reported represents an aggregate number of shares sold in multiple open market transactions over a range of sales prices. The price reported represents the weighted average price. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the staff of the SEC, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, upon request, the number of shares sold by the Reporting Person at each separate price within the range.
- (4) Sales prices range from \$55.50 to \$55.80 per share, inclusive.
- (5) In addition to the stock options reported in Table II, the Reporting Person also has stock options to purchase at various prices 770,524 shares of Class A Common Stock, 319,160 of which are currently exercisable.

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The Reporting Person also has restricted stock units in respect of 167,188 shares of Class A Common Stock expected to vest at various times through October 2014 and a Market Share Unit that may pay out as many as 320,000 shares of Class A Common Stock depending upon performance of the Company's Class A Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange during the 20 trading days ending June 30, 2014.

(7) Not applicable.

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