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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DiGeso Amy

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/16/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP - Global Human Resources

(Street)

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

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

NEW YORK, NY 10153

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	13,212	A	\$ 17	37,313	D
Class A Common Stock	10/16/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	13,212	D	\$ 65	24,101	D
Class A Common Stock	10/17/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	8,011	A	\$ 17	32,112	D



## 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 stock options and the sale of the underlying shares of Class A Common Stock were made pursuant to a plan intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1(c), previously entered into on September 4, 2012.  

Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 23,334 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012. This option was previously reported as covering 11,666 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2011; 11,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; and 11,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013 at an exercise price of \$34.00, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012. Options in respect of 23,332 shares (post-split) subject to this grant were exercised prior to such date.
- (2) exercisable from and after January 1, 2012; and 11,667 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2013 at an exercise price of \$34.00, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the stock split that occurred on January 20, 2012. Options in respect of 23,332 shares (post-split) subject to this grant were exercised prior to such date.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The Reporting Person also has options to purchase at various prices 198,582 shares of Class A Common Stock, 29,137 of which are currently exercisable.

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