

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 TRAVIS TRACEY THOMAS

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/04/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CFO

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC., 767 FIFTH AVENUE

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	09/04/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>	12,015 <sup>(1)</sup>	A \$ 0	24,208	D
Class A Common Stock	09/04/2015		F <sup>(2)</sup>	4,445	D \$ 77.35	19,763	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. 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 77.35	09/04/2015		A	53,584	<u>(3)</u>	09/04/2025	Class A Common Stock	53,584
Restricted Stock Units (Share Payout)	\$ 0 <u>(4)</u>	09/04/2015		A	15,997	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Class A Common Stock	15,997

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TRAVIS TRACEY THOMAS THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC. 767 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10153			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

Tracey Thomas Travis, by Maureen Sladek,  
attorney-in-fact

09/09/2015

\_\_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) Reflects payout of Performance Share Units ("PSUs") granted to Reporting Person on September 4, 2012.
- (2) Represents the withholding of shares for tax purposes in connection with the payout of the PSUs.
- (3) Stock options granted pursuant to Fiscal 2002 Share Incentive Plan in respect of 17,861 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2017; 17,861 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2018; and 17,862 shares exercisable from and after January 1, 2019.

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- (4) Not applicable. Restricted Stock Units vest and are paid out in shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-to-one basis on the applicable vesting date.

Assuming continued employment, the Restricted Stock Units granted on September 4, 2015 will vest and be paid out as follows: 5,332 on October 31, 2016; 5,332 on October 31, 2017; and 5,333 on October 31, 2018. Assuming continued employment, the Restricted Stock

- (5) Units held by the Reporting Person will vest and be paid out as follows: 20,042 on November 2, 2015; 15,337 on October 31, 2016; 10,230 on October 31, 2017; and 5,333 on October 31, 2018. Upon payout, shares will be withheld to cover minimum statutory tax obligations. Restricted Stock Units are accompanied by dividend equivalent rights that will be payable in cash at the time of payout of the related shares.

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