

ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC
Form SC 13G/A
February 08, 2010

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

SCHEDULE
13G

Under the
Securities
Exchange
Act of 1934
(Amendment
No. 9)*

The Estée
Lauder
Companies
Inc.
(Name of
Issuer)

Class A
Common
Stock, par
value \$0.01
per share
(Title of
Class of
Securities)

518439 10 4
(CUSIP
Number)

December
31, 2009
(Date of
Event Which
Requires
Filing of this
Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| 1 | NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): | | |
| | LAL Family Partners L.P. | | |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP * (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) | (a) .. (b) T | |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY | | |
| 4 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION | California | |
| | 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER | 45,329,842 (see Item 4) |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 6 | SHARED VOTING POWER | 0 |
| | 7 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | 45,329,842 (see Item 4) |
| | 8 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | 0 |
| 9 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON | | 45,329,842 (see Item 4) |
| 10 | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) | | .. |
| 11 | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 | | 27.6% (see Item 4) |
| 12 | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) | | PN |

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. (the "Issuer")

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

767 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10153

Item 2 (a) Name of Person Filing:

LAL Family Partners L.P. (the "Reporting Person")

Item 2 (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

767 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10153

Item 2 (c) Citizenship:

California Limited Partnership

Item 2 (d) Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Item 2 (e) CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. Not applicable

Item 4. Ownership

(a) As of December 31, 2009, the Reporting Person beneficially owned 45,329,842 shares of Class A Common Stock as follows: 45,329,842 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Issuer (the "Class B Common Stock").

(b) Each share of Class B Common Stock is convertible at the option of the holder into one share of Class A Common Stock and is automatically converted into one share of Class A Common Stock upon transfer to a person who is not a Permitted Transferee, as that term is defined in the Issuer's Restated Certificate of Incorporation. Assuming conversion of all such shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person, the Reporting Person would beneficially own 45,329,842 shares of Class A Common Stock, which would constitute 27.6% of the number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding.

Each share of Class A Common Stock entitles the holder to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Issuer's stockholders and each share of Class B Common Stock entitles the holder to ten votes on each such matter, including the

election of directors of the Issuer. Assuming no conversion of any of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, the 45,329,842 shares of Class B Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Person constitute 50.4% of the aggregate voting power of the Issuer.

(c) The responses of the Reporting Person to Rows (5) through (8) of the cover pages of this Schedule 13G are incorporated herein by reference. George W. Schiele ("GWS") and Joel S. Ehrenkranz ("JSE"), as co-trustees of the LAL 2008 Marital Trust ("LAL 2008 Trust") and the directors of LAL Family Corporation ("LALFC"), may be deemed to have shared power to vote or dispose, or direct the vote or disposition, of the shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock directly owned by the Reporting Person. The LAL 2008 Trust is the majority stockholder of LALFC, which is the sole general partner of the Reporting Person.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

The beneficiaries of the LAL 2008 Trust (i.e., Leonard A. Lauder, his spouse and his descendants), the stockholders of LALFC (i.e., LAL 2008 Trust, William P. Lauder, and Gary M. Lauder), and the partners of LALFP (including the LAL 2008 Trust, William P. Lauder, and Gary M. Lauder) do not have the right to, but may receive (at the discretion of GWS and JSE), dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock owned by the Reporting Person.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

The Reporting Person is a party to a Stockholders' Agreement (the "Stockholders' Agreement"), dated November 22, 1995, as amended, among the parties listed on Exhibit A attached hereto. The stockholders who are parties to the Stockholders' Agreement have agreed to vote in favor of the election of Leonard A. Lauder (or one of his sons) and Ronald S. Lauder (or one of his daughters) and one designee of each as directors of the Issuer. The Stockholders' Agreement also contains certain limitations on the transfer of shares of Class A Common Stock. Each stockholder who is a party to the Stockholders' Agreement has agreed to grant to the other parties a right of first offer to purchase shares of Class A Common Stock of the stockholder in the event the stockholder intends to sell to a person (or group of persons) who is not a Lauder Family Member, as defined therein, except in certain circumstances, such as sales in a widely distributed underwritten public offering or sales made in compliance with Rule 144.

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certifications

Not Applicable

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 8, 2010

LAL Family Partners L.P.

By: LAL Family Corporation, General Partner

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| By: | /s/Joel S. Ehrenkranz |
| Name: | Joel S. Ehrenkranz |
| Title | Vice President |

EXHIBIT INDEX

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A List of Parties to the Stockholders' Agreement

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List of Parties to the Stockholders' Agreement

Leonard A. Lauder, (a) individually and (b) as Trustee of The Estée Lauder 2002 Trust

Ronald S. Lauder, (a) individually, (b) as Trustee of The Descendents of Ronald S. Lauder 1966 Trust, and (c) as Trustee of The Estée Lauder 2002 Trust

William P. Lauder, (a) individually, (b) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o William Lauder and (c) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o Gary Lauder

Gary M. Lauder, (a) individually, (b) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o William Lauder, (c) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o Gary Lauder, (d) as custodian under the New York Uniform Transfers to Minors Act for the benefit of Danielle Lauder, (e) as custodian under the New York Uniform Transfers to Minors Act for the benefit of Rachel Lauder and (f) as Trustee of the Gary M. Lauder Revocable Trust u/a/d as of August 10, 2000, Gary M. Lauder, Settlor

LAL Family Partners L.P.

Joel S. Ehrenkranz, (a) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o William Lauder and (b) as Trustee of the 1992 GRAT Remainder Trust f/b/o Gary Lauder

Richard D. Parsons, (a) as Trustee of the Trust f/b/o Aerin Lauder and Jane Lauder u/a/d December 15, 1976, created by Estée Lauder and Joseph H. Lauder, as Grantors, (b) as Trustee of the Trust f/b/o Aerin Lauder and Jane Lauder u/a/d December 15, 1976, created by Ronald S. Lauder, as Grantor, (c) as Trustee of the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2000 Revocable Trust u/a/d April 24, 2000, Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer, as Grantor, (d) as Trustee of the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2004 GRAT and (e) as Trustee of the Jane A. Lauder 2003 Revocable Trust u/a/d November 6, 2003, Jane A. Lauder, as Grantor.

Ira T. Wender, as Trustee of The Estée Lauder 2002 Trust

The Estée Lauder Companies Inc.

The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation

Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer, as Trustee of the Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer 2008 Grantor Retained Annuity Trust