

PARSONS RICHARD D  
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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 \*  
PARSONS RICHARD D

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)  
11/09/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

PROVIDENCE EQUITY PARTNERS, 9 WEST 57TH STREET

(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 10019

(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			
Class A Common Stock					4,442 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 Number Shares
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.49	11/09/2012		A <sup>(2)</sup>		4,736		11/09/2013	11/09/2022	Class A Common Stock	4,736
Stock Units (Share Payout)	<sup>(3)</sup>	11/09/2012		A <sup>(2)</sup>		1,213.53		<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	1,213.53
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.81 <sup>(6)</sup>							11/07/2009	11/07/2018	Class A Common Stock	10,000 <sup>(6)</sup>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.32 <sup>(7)</sup>							11/13/2010	11/13/2019	Class A Common Stock	10,000 <sup>(7)</sup>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35.51 <sup>(8)</sup>							11/09/2011	11/09/2020	Class A Common Stock	12,111 <sup>(8)</sup>
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.53 <sup>(9)</sup>							11/11/2012	11/11/2021	Class A Common Stock	4,576

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARSONS RICHARD D PROVIDENCE EQUITY PARTNERS 9 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019	X			

## Signatures

Richard D. Parsons, by Charles E. Reese, II,  
Attorney-in-fact

11/13/2012

\_\_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) On January 20, 2012, the Class A Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 2,221 additional shares of Class A Common Stock.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Share Incentive Plan.
- (3) Each Stock Unit (Share Payout) is convertible into cash equal to the value of one share of Class A Common Stock (i.e. 1:1).
- (4) The Stock Units (Share Payout) will be paid out on the first business day of the calendar year following the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.
- (5) On January 20, 2012, the Class A Common Stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the Reporting Person's ownership of 4796.6 additional Stock Units (Share Payout).

(6) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Share Incentive Plan. This option was previously reported as covering 5,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.62 per share, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split on January 20, 2012.

(7) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Share Incentive Plan. This option was previously reported as covering 5,000 shares at an exercise price of \$46.63 per share, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split on January 20, 2012.

(8) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Share Incentive Plan. This option was previously reported as covering 6,056 shares at an exercise price of \$71.02 per share, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split on January 20, 2012.

(9) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Issuer's Non-Employee Director Share Incentive Plan. This option was previously reported as covering 2,288 shares at an exercise price of \$115.06 per share, but has been adjusted in this report to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split on January 20, 2012.

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