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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-14064 (Commission File Number)	11-2408943 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
767 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK (Address of principal executive offices)		10153 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
212-572-4200

NOT APPLICABLE
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On September 6, 2006, the Company's Compensation Committee approved the payment of cash bonuses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, to the Company's named executive officers pursuant to the Company's Executive Annual

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Incentive Plan in the following amounts:

Named Executive Officer	Fiscal 2006 Bonus Amount
Leonard A. Lauder	1,369,000
William P. Lauder	1,521,100
Daniel J. Brestle	1,445,000
Patrick Bousquet-Chavanne	1,048,900
Philip Shearer	1,003,000

Bonuses for Leonard A. Lauder (Chairman), William P. Lauder (President and Chief Executive Officer) and Daniel J. Brestle (Chief Operating Officer) were based on the levels of achievement of net sales and earnings per share targets by the Company in fiscal 2006. The bonuses for Patrick Bousquet-Chavanne (Group President) and Philip Shearer (Group President) were based on the levels of achievement of the net sales and earnings per share targets by the Company in fiscal 2006 and levels of achievement of full-year goals for their respective groups at the start of fiscal 2006, including net sales for the group (measured by overall net sales and by retail sell-through in the United States), operating margin, expense control, working capital relating to inventory and planning accuracy.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.

Date: September 12, 2006

By: /s/ Amy DiGeso

Amy DiGeso
Executive Vice President - Global
Human Resources