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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORESTER LYNN

Form 4

September 19, 2002

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
  de Rothschild, Lynn
  ELR Holdings, Ltd.
  435 East 52nd Street
  New York, NY 10022
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
  The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
  September 17, 2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other
   (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
   ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
                      |2. |3. |4.Securities Acquired (A) |5.Amount of
1. Title of Security
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                        | Transaction | or Disposed of (D)
                        | Beneficially
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                        | Date | Code | V | Amount | D | Price | End of Month
Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Reflects grant of stock units in lieu of cash in connection with becoming Chairman of a Board Committee.
- 2. The stock units will be paid out in cash as of the first January 1 after the last date of the Reporting Person's service as a director of the Company.
- 3. Represents number of stock units (cash payout) beneficially owned following the reported transaction.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ Spencer G. Smul, Attorney-in-Fact

DATE

September 19, 2002