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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(RULE 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED
PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND
AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No. 4)*

The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock,
par value \$.01 per share

518439 10 4

(Title of class of securities)

(CUSIP number)

December 31, 2001

(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 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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CUSIP No. 518439 10 4 13G

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS: Ira T. Wender

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY):

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP:*

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: United States of America

NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER:	650,180
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER:	--
EACH REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:	650,180
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:	20,750,341

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON: 21,400,521

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES: *
** SEE ITEM 4

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9):

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: IN

* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

Item 1. Identity of Issuer

- (a) The name of the issuer is The Estee Lauder Companies Inc. (the "Issuer").
- (b) The address of the Issuer's principal executive office is 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153.

Item 2. Identity of Person Filing

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- (a) - (c) This report is being filed by Ira T. Wender with a business address of 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (the "Reporting Person"). The Reporting Person is a citizen of the United States of America.
- (d) - (e) This report covers the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"). The CUSIP number of the Class A Common Stock is 518439 10 4.

Item 3.

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Ownership

- (a) As of December 31, 2001, the Reporting Person beneficially owned 21,400,521 shares of Class A Common Stock as follows: (i) 4,698,951 shares of Class A Common Stock and 12,189,852 shares of Class B Common Stock held indirectly as a co-trustee of The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust; (ii) 15,384 shares of Class A Common Stock and 3,846,154 shares of Class B Common Stock held indirectly as a co-trustee of The 1995 Estee Lauder LAL Trust and as a co-trustee of The 1995 Estee Lauder RSL Trust, each of which trusts are general partners of Lauder & Sons L.P., which owns the shares; (iii) 650,180 shares of Class A Common Stock held indirectly as sole trustee of The RSL 4201 Trust; and (iv) 3,000 shares of Class A Common Stock owned by his wife. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all such shares. The 5,400,000 shares of Class A Common Stock held indirectly as sole trustee of The RSL 4201 Trust and the 3,000 shares of Class A Common Stock owned by his wife are not subject to the Stockholders' Agreement (as defined below).

In February 1999, The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust entered into a forward purchase agreement (the "TRACES II Contract") with the Estee Lauder Automatic Common Exchange Security Trust II, a trust not affiliated with the Reporting Person, The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust or the Issuer (the "TRACES II Trust"), relating to the disposition by The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust to the TRACES II Trust of not fewer than 3,380,201 nor more than 3,988,438 shares of Class A Common Stock held by The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust on February 23, 2002 (subject to extension and subsequent acceleration) (the "Exchange Date"). In January 2002, the Exchange Date was extended to May 23, 2002 (subject to acceleration). Subject to the right of The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust described in the next sentence, the precise number of shares

to be delivered by The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust will be determined in accordance with the TRACES II Contract as of the Exchange Date. The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust has the right to elect to pay cash upon settlement of the TRACES II Contract in lieu of delivering shares. Until there is delivery of the shares to the TRACES II Trust, all

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3,988,438 shares of Class A Common Stock continue to be included in the total for The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust.

(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 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 221,400,521 shares of Class A Common Stock, which would constitute 14.7% 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 650,180 shares of Class A Common Stock for which the Reporting Person has voting power would constitute 0.1% of the aggregate voting power of the Issuer.

(c) The Reporting Person shares dispositive power with Leonard A. Lauder and Ronald S. Lauder, as co-trustees of The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust, with respect to the 4,698,591 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 12,189,852 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust. The Reporting Person shares dispositive power with respect to the 15,384 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 3,846,154 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by Lauder & Sons L.P. as follows: (i) the Reporting Person shares dispositive power with Leonard A. Lauder, as an individual general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P. and as a co-trustee of

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The 1995 Estee Lauder LAL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P.; (ii) the Reporting Person shares dispositive power with Ronald S. Lauder, as an individual general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P. and as a co-trustee of The 1995 Estee Lauder RSL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P.; (iii) the Reporting Person shares dispositive power with Richard D. Parsons, as a co-trustee of The 1995 Estee Lauder RSL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P.; and (iv) the Reporting Person shares dispositive power with Joel S. Ehrenkranz, as a co-trustee of the 1995 Estee Lauder LAL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P. The Reporting Person as sole trustee of The RSL 4201 Trust has sole dispositive power with respect to 650,180 shares of Class A Common Stock owned by The RSL 4201 Trust.

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

Leonard A. Lauder and Ronald S. Lauder, as co-trustees and beneficiaries of The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust, have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the 4,698,951 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 12,189,852 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by The Estee Lauder 1994 Trust. The following persons have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the 15,384 shares of Class A Common Stock and the 3,846,154 shares of Class B Common Stock owned by Lauder &

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Sons L.P.: (i) Leonard A. Lauder, as an individual general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P. and as a co-trustee and beneficiary of The 1995 Estee Lauder LAL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P.; (ii) Ronald S. Lauder, as an individual general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P. and as a co-trustee and beneficiary of The 1995 Estee Lauder RSL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P.; (iii) Richard D. Parsons, as a co-trustee of The 1995 Estee Lauder RSL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P.; and (iv) Joel S. Ehrenkranz, as a co-trustee of The 1995 Estee Lauder LAL Trust, which is a general partner of Lauder & Sons L.P. The beneficiaries of the RSL 4201 Trust have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the 650,180 shares of Class A Common Stock owned by the RSL 4201 Trust.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable.

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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 and Ronald S. Lauder 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.

The shares owned by The RSL 4201 Trust and Mrs. Wender are not subject to the Stockholders' Agreement.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification

Not Applicable.

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SIGNATURE

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

Date: February 6, 2002

/s/ Ira T. Wender

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit A -- List of Parties to the Stockholders' Agreement