ESTEE LAUDER COMPANIES INC Form 8-K May 04, 2012

# 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)

May 4, 2012

# The Estée Lauder Companies Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-14064 11-2408943

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

incorporation)

767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices) (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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[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 4, 2012, The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012. The release also includes the Company s estimates related to its fiscal 2012 fourth quarter and full year net sales and diluted net earnings per common share. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. <u>Description</u>

99.1 Press release dated May 4, 2012 of The Estée Lauder Companies Inc.

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#### **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 ESTÉE LAUDER COMPANIES INC.

Date: May 4, 2012 By: /s/ Richard W. Kunes

Richard W. Kunes
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and
Accounting Officer)

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