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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BARNES BRENDA C Issuer Symbol LEE SARA CORP [SLE] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title _ 70 W. MADISON 05/03/2005 below) STREET.. THREE FIRST President & CEO NATIONAL PLAZA (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHICAGO, IL 60602-4260 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired (A)	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactionr Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code v		(D)				
common	05/03/2005		A	83,333	Α	\$	214,148 (2)	D	
stock	22, 22, =000			(1)		21.635		_	

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)

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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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 21.635	05/03/2005		A	250,000	05/03/2006(3)	05/03/2015	common stock	250,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BARNES BRENDA C 70 W. MADISON STREET, THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA CHICAGO, IL 60602-4260	X		President & CEO			

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Brenda C. Barnes pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. 05/05/2005

**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).
- Award of restricted stock units that may be settled only for shares of Sara Lee common stock. Restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments on each of May 3, 2006, 2007 and 2008, subject to continued employment with Sara Lee through such vesting date. Upon vesting, the restricted stock units will be converted into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- Includes 190,493 restricted stock units that may be settled only for shares of Sara Lee common stock. Restricted stock units generally vest one to five years after the grant date and, upon vesting, are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. Also includes 602 shares of common stock acquired as a participant in the Sara Lee Corporation employee stock purchase plan.
- (3) Option vests in three equal annual installments on each of May 3, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and expires ten years after the date of grant.

Remarks:

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The reporting person was elected Chief Executive Officer of Sara Lee Corporation on February 9, 2005. In recognition of her Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays

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