INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Smits Marcel H.M.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sara Lee Corp [SLE]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	10/01/2009	4. Relationshi Person(s) to Is		-	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION, 3500 LACEY ROAD (Street) DOWNERS		(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP, CFO) Owner r ow)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person	
GROVE, IL 60515					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	ies Ber	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nati Owner (Instr.	•	
no securities owned	0		D	Â		
Reminder: Report on a separate line for owned directly or indirectly.	each class of securities benefic	ially SI	EC 1473 (7-02	2)		
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Table II - Derivative Sec	urities Beneficially Owned (e	.g., puts, calls,	warrants, op	tions, co	onvertible securities)	

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
			Derivative	Security:	

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Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)
Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect
			Shares		(I)
					(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Smits Marcel H.M. C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION 3500 LACEY ROAD DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515	Â	Â	Â EVP, CFO	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski, for Marcel H.M. Smits pursuant to power of attorney filed herewith.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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