



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

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January 5, 2010

Via U.S. mail and facsimile

Mr. Richard W. Kunes  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.  
767 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10153

RE: Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009  
Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009  
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed September 29, 2009  
Form 8-K filed October 30, 2009  
File No. 1-14064

Dear Mr. Kunes:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filings related to legal matters, please direct them to Jessica Kane, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3235 or, in her absence, Andrew Schoeffler, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3748. Please contact Nudrat Salik, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3692 or, in her absence, the undersigned at (202) 551-3689 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters.

Sincerely,

John Hartz  
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant