LEE SARA CORP Form 4 February 11, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEKOOL L M THEO			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LEE SARA CORP [SLE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA, 70 W. MADISON STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2005	Director 10% Owner Other (specify			
				below) below) Executive Vice President, CFO			
(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			
CHICAGO, IL 60602-4260				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie oper Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
common stock	02/09/2005		A	156,965 (1)	A	\$ 23.12	339,960 (2)	D		
common stock							504	I	By 401(k) Plan	

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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEKOOL L M THEO THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA 70 W. MADISON STREET CHICAGO, IL 60602-4260

Executive Vice President, CFO

Relationships

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Theo (L.M.) de Kool pursuant to power of attorney previously filed.

02/11/2005

**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 common stock. 50% of these restricted stock units will vest in full on January 27, 2010, subject to continued employment with Sara Lee through such date. 50% of these restricted stock units will vest on
- (1) January 27, 2010 if and to the extent certain predetermined performance targets have been achieved, such as completion of the sale or spin-off of certain indentified Sara Lee businesses and completion of other elements of Sara Lee's transformation plan. Upon vesting, the restricted stock units will be converted into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Includes 100 shares acquired as a participant in Sara Lee Corporation's dividend reinvestment plan.

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