LEE SARA CORP Form 4 July 06, 2006

# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Expires:

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Issuer

Expires: January 31, 2005

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

may continue.

See Instruction
1(b).

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

THOMAS RICHARD L

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

|  | LEE SARA CORP [SLE]                     |          |                  |                           | (Check all applicable)                 |        |                           |  |  |   |
|--|---|----------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| (Last)   | (First) ONE PLAZA                       | (Middle) | (Month/Day/Year) |                           | _X_ Director Officer (giv              | 1      | 0% Owner<br>ther (specify |  |  |   |
| CHICAG   | (Street) O, IL 60670                    |          |                  | endment, I<br>onth/Day/Ye | _                                      | ıal    |                           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting |  | Person  |
| (City)   | (State)                                 | (Zip)    |                  |                           |  |        |                           | Person   |  |   |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |          |                  |                           |  |        | ·                         |  |  |   |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |          | Date, if         | Code (Instr. 8)           | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or Do<br>(Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D)                  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                               | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock  | 07/03/2006                              |          |                  | A                         | 1,658<br>(1)                           | A      | \$<br>16.095              | 278,490 (2)  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock  |   |          |                  |                           |  |        |                           | 154,000 (3)  | I  | By spouse   |
| Common<br>Stock  |   |          |                  |                           |  |        |                           | 4,800 (3)  | I  | By trust  |
| Common<br>Stock  |   |          |                  |                           |  |        |                           | 13,000   | I  | By self<br>directed<br>IRA                            |
| Common   |   |          |                  |                           |  |        |                           | 10,000   | I  | By limited  |

partnership

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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 | isable and | 7. Titl | e and    | 8. Price of | 9 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------|----------|-------------|---|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber   | Expiration Da | ate        | Amou    | int of   | Derivative  | J |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code        | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)      | Under   | lying    | Security    | , |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)  | Derivative | e             |            | Securi  | ities    | (Instr. 5)  | ] |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |             | Securities |               |            | (Instr. | 3 and 4) |             | ( |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |             | Acquired   |               |            |         |          |             | ] |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (A) or     |               |            |         |          |             | J |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | Disposed   |               |            |         |          |             | - |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | of (D)     |               |            |         |          |             | ( |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | (Instr. 3, |               |            |         |          |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             | 4, and 5)  |               |            |         |          |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |               |            |         |          |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            |               |            |         | Amount   |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Date          | Expiration | m: 1    | or       |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    |             |            | Exercisable   | Date       |         | Number   |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    | G 1 17      | (A) (B)    |               |            |         | of       |             |   |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V      | (A) (D)    |               |            |         | Shares   |             |   |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Ketationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |
| THOMAS RICHARD L               |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |
| 1 BANK ONE PLAZA               | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |

1 BANK ONE PLAZA CHICAGO, IL 60670

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Richard L. Thomas pursuant to power of attorney previously filed.

Deletionships

07/06/2006

\*\*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).
  - Consists of restricted stock units (RSUs) granted for serving on the Board of Directors, and on one or more Committees of the Board,
- (1) during fiscal year 2007. The RSUs will vest on July 2, 2007 and will be converted into shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis on the date six months after the reporting person ceases to be a director of Sara Lee.
- Includes 8,983 RSUs that may be settled only for shares of common stock. RSUs vest one year after the grant date and, on the settlement date, are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. The settlement date is either three years after the date of grant, for RSUs granted before July 2005, or six months after the reporting person ceases to be a director of Sara Lee, for other RSUs.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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