

LEE SARA CORP  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â NOLAN JAMES W  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION,Â 70 W. MADISON STREET

(Street)

CHICAGO,Â ILÂ 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
02/21/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
LEE SARA CORP [SLE]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

common stock

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

21,800 <sup>(1)</sup>

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

D Â

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Security | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| NOLAN JAMES W<br>C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION<br>70 W. MADISON STREET<br>CHICAGO, IL 60602 | Â             | Â         | Â Senior Vice President | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For James W. Nolan pursuant to power of attorney being filed with the SEC herewith.

03/01/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 that may be settled only for shares of common stock. The restricted stock units will vest in full on (1) January 27, 2007, subject to continued employment with Sara Lee through such date. Upon vesting, the restricted stock units will be converted into shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis.

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