

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### ISSUER

#### LEE SARA CORP

CIK: **23666** | IRS No.: **362089049** | State of Incorp.: **MD** | Fiscal Year End: **0630**  
SIC: **2000** Food and kindred products

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### SZYPULSKI WAYNE R

CIK: **1218965**  
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-03344** | Film No.: **05792116**

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>SZYPULSKI WAYNE R</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>LEE SARA CORP [SLE]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Sr. Vice President, Controller</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>04/28/2005</b>					
THREE FIRST NATIONAL PLAZA, 70 W. MADISON STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) <b>CHICAGO, IL 60602-4260</b>								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

**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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
common stock	04/28/2005		A		24,423 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$21.005	237,154 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	D	
common stock								6,238	I	By 401(k) Plan

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Award of restricted stock units that may be settled only for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. Restricted stock units vest in two equal installments on April 28, 2006 and April 28, 2007, based on continued employment through such dates.
- Includes 81,735 restricted stock units that will be converted into shares of common stock, on a one-for-one basis, upon vesting.

3. Includes 493 shares acquired as a participant in the Sara Lee Corporation employee stock purchase plan.

**Signatures**

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Wayne R. Szypulski pursuant to power of attorney previously filed.

05/02/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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).

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