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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Connolly Sean

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/17/2012

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Sara Lee Corp [SLE]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(give title below) (specify below)

Executive Vice President

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION, 3500

LACEY ROAD

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

DOWNERS GROVE, ILÂ 60515

(City) (State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

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

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

No securities owned 0

(Zip)

D

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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

5. Conversion Ownership or Exercise Form of

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

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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Date Expiration Title Amount or Security Direct (D)

Exercisable Date Number of Shares (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Connolly Sean C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION 3500 LACEY ROAD DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski purusant to power of attorney being filed herewith.

01/19/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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