

Bennink Jan  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Bennink Jan

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SARA LEE  
CORPORATION, 3500 LACEY  
ROAD

(Street)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Sara Lee Corp [SLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/26/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Chairman

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

**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)
Common stock	01/26/2012		A	(A) or (D) Amount 136,933 (1)	\$ 19.17	D	
Common stock					1,700	I	by children

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bennink Jan C/O SARA LEE CORPORATION 3500 LACEY ROAD DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515	X		Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski for Jan Bennink pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. 01/30/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) Restricted stock units (RSUs) that vest in full on January 31, 2013, subject to continued employment with Sara Lee through that date, and upon vesting will be converted into shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis; provided that upon completion of Sara Lee's publicly announced plan to spin-off its coffee and tea business into an independent publicly traded company, the RSUs will vest on a pro rata basis and will be converted into shares of the spun-off coffee and tea company rather than shares of Sara Lee.
- (2) Includes 291,618 RSUs that may be settled only for shares of common stock. RSUs generally vest one to five years after grant date subject to the reporting person's continued employment with Sara Lee; however, upon completion of the plan, announced by Sara Lee on January 28, 2011, to divide the company into two separate, publicly traded companies, any outstanding equity then held by the reporting person will vest in full.

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