

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC
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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 *
LESTER HOWARD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3250 VAN NESS AVENUE

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

08/31/2006

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

CHAIRMAN & CEO

(Street)

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

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 08/31/2006 | | P | V Amount \$ 29.46 | 7,002,269 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/31/2006 | | J | V Amount \$ 29.46 | 35,310 | I | by Managed Account |

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 |
| LESTER HOWARD 3250 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109 | X | | CHAIRMAN & CEO | |

Signatures

By: Nicolas de Porcel, Attorney-in-Fact For: Howard Lester
Date: 09/05/2006

__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).

Remarks:

The reporting person received 500,000 shares of WSM stock in connection with his redemption of a portion of his interest in a

The reporting person owns \$1,040,233.69 in the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. stock fund under the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. 401(k) P

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