

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><u>KURAITIS VYTENIS P</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>LEE ENTERPRISES, INCORPORATED</u><br><u>400 PUTNAM BUILDING</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>DAVENPORT IA 52801</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>LEE ENTERPRISES INC [ LEE ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Vice President/Human Resources</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>07/24/2003</u>             |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |   |   |

**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                    | 07/24/2003                           |  | M                              |   | 4,500   | A          | \$26.625  | 14,867 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/24/2003                           |  | S                              |   | 4,500   | D          | \$36.894  | 10,367 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/24/2003                           |  | M                              |   | 150   | A          | \$16.625  | 10,517 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/24/2003                           |  | M                              |   | 200   | A          | \$19.8125 | 10,717 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/24/2003                           |  | F                              |   | 174   | D          | \$37.18   | 10,543 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |

**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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|--|-------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$16.625   | 07/24/2003                           |  | M                              |   | 150  |     | 10/31/1994 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 10/31/2004      | Common Stock  | 150  | \$16.625   | 0   | D  |       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$19.8125  | 07/24/2003                           |  | M                              |   | 200  |     | 11/07/1995 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 11/07/2005      | Common Stock  | 450  | \$16.625   | 250   | D  |       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$26.625   | 07/24/2003                           |  | M                              |   | 4,500  |     | 11/03/1997 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 11/03/2007      | Common Stock  | 6,000                                      | \$26.625   | 1,500   | D  |       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$37.18  | 07/24/2003                           |  | A                              |   | 67   |     | 07/24/2004   | 10/31/2004      | Common Stock  | 67   | \$37.18  | 67  | D  |       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$37.18  | 07/24/2003                           |  | A                              |   | 107  |     | 07/24/2004   | 11/07/2005      | Common Stock  | 107  | \$37.18  | 107   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \*Includes 4,737 shares of common stock acquired through Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan through payroll deduction and dividend reinvestment, including 200 additional shares purchased since the filing of the Reporting Person's last Section 16(a) filing.
- \*\*These securities become exercisable as follows: 30% upon the first anniversary date of the grant; 60% upon the second anniversary of the grant; 100% upon the third anniversary of the grant.

Edmund H. Carroll, Jr., Lmtd. 07/28/2003  
POA, Attorney-in-Fact

/s/Edmund H. Carroll, Jr.

07/28/2003

\*\* 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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