FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Instruction 1(b). | |

MENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | nd Address of Dennis S | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LIMITED BRANDS INC [LTD] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Pe (Check all applicable) Director | | | | rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|---|----------|---|--|-------|---------------------|---|------------------|---|--|-----------------------|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| (Last) 599 LEX | , | rst) AVESUITE 27 | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/30/2012 | | | | | | | | | Office below | r (give title) | | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Indi Line) X | , · | | | | | |
| (City) | (5 | | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivati | /e Se | curiti | es Ad | cquired, | Dis | posed | of, or Be | enefic | ially | Owne | d | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 5) | | | | | 5. Amor Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte | ties For cially (D) Following (I) | | m: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | Amoun | t (A) or (D) | | се | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (3 4) | | | | |
| | 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 | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | of E | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Price of erivative ecurity estr. 5) | | Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4 | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | e V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | er | | | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | (1) | 01/30/2012 | | A | | 488 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock, \$0.50 par | 488 | 4 | \$0.0000 | 46,124 ⁽³ | 3) | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This award converts to common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.
- $2. \ The \ shares \ of \ phantom \ stock \ become \ payable \ upon \ the \ reporting \ person's \ termination \ of \ service \ as \ a \ director.$
- 3. Total holdings include shares acquired in connection with a stock dividend exempt pursuant to Rule 16a-9.

Robert J. Tannous, Attorneyin-Fact

02/01/2012

** 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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