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## FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre                              | ss of Reporting Perso<br>iam R Jr | n*       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>LIMITED BRANDS INC</u> [ LTD ] |                        | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner   |                          |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------|---|------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>285 SAN YSIDRO ROAD |                                   | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>04/30/2012                          |                        | Officer (give title<br>below)  | Other (specify<br>below) |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>SANTA<br>BARBARA                   | ANTA CA 931                       |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | <ul> <li>ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applica</li> <li>Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br/>Person</li> </ul> |                          |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State)                           | (Zip)    |   |                        |  |                          |  |  |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |       | Securities                         | Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|---|---|
|                                 |  |   | Code                         | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | (Instr. 4)  |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of  |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | (1)   | 04/30/2012                                 |   | A                            |   | 465 |     | (2)  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.50 par<br>value  | 465                                    | \$0.0000  | 65,749 <sup>(3)</sup>  | 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 exempt dividend reinvestment transactions.

Robert J. Tannous, Attorneyin-Fact

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\*\* 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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