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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | Iress of Reporting | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LIMITED BRANDS INC</u> [LTD] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|---|---|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| FREEDMAN EUGENE M | | | | X | Director | 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) 63 SYLVAN I | Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2005 | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | Line) | | | | | | |
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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. Transa Code (8) | | Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1150.4) | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | М | | 2,263(1) | A | \$9.3869 ⁽¹⁾ | 22,176 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | М | | 2,263(1) | A | \$7.5647 ⁽¹⁾ | 24,439 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | М | | 2,263 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 11.9821 ⁽¹⁾ | 26,702 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | М | | 2,223(1) | A | \$ 15.3972 ⁽¹⁾ | 28,925 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | М | | 2,108(1) | A | \$14.5577(1) | 31,033 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | М | | 1,054 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$18.4061(1) | 32,087 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | М | | 790(1) | A | \$16.8406(1) | 32,877 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | S | | 4,200 | D | \$24.27 | 28,677 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | S | | 1,600 | D | \$24.28 | 27,077 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | S | | 200 | D | \$24.32 | 26,877 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | S | | 300 | D | \$24.31 | 26,577 | D | | |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 03/02/2005 | | S | | 500 | D | \$24.33 | 26,077 | D | | |

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

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|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|----------------------|--|--------------------|--|--|---|------------|--|--|
| 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. Transa Code (8) | | | | 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) | | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$ 9.3869 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2005 | | М | | | 2,263 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/20/2000 | 05/20/2006 | Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 2,263 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$7.5647 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2005 | | М | | | 2,263 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/03/2001 | 02/03/2007 | Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 2,263 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$11.9821 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2005 | | М | | | 2,263 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/02/2002 | 02/02/2008 | Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 2,263 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$15.3972 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2005 | | М | | | 2,223 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/01/2003 | 02/01/2009 | Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 2,223 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$14.5577 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2005 | | М | | | 2,108 ⁽¹⁾ | 01/31/2004 | 01/31/2010 | Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 2,108 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

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|--|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|-----|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| 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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Action Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. | | ive Expiration Date ies (Month/Day/Year) osed (A) osed nstr. | | te Amount of | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | | | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$18.4061 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2005 | | М | | | 1,054 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/05/2005 | 02/01/2011 | Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 1,054 | \$0 | 0 | D | | | | |
| Stock Option - Right to Buy | \$16.8406 ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2005 | | М | | | 790 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/04/2005 | 02/04/2012 | Common Stock, \$0.50 par value | 790 | \$0 | 264 | D | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Previously reported stock option has been adjusted to reflect a special stock dividend declared by the Issuer and exempt pursuant to Rule 16a-9.

By: Robert J. Tannous, Attorney-in-Fact

03/03/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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