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| Form 3 Holdings Reported |

Form 4 Transactions

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] HUGHES PAULINE | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATURES SUNSHINE PRODUCTS INC [NATR] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applied X_DirectorX_ Officer (give title below) | | | |
|--|----------|--|--|--------------|---|---------------|--|---|-------|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, | | | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008 | | | | | | | |
| INC., 75 EAST 17 | 00 SOUTH | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) | | |
| PROVO, UT 84606 | | | _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| (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) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | (Wohll/Day/Tear) | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | · · · | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | 01/23/2008 | | G <u>(1)</u> | 5,040 | D | \$ 0 | 822,789 | Ι | By trust (2) |
| Common Stock | | 12/18/2008 | | G <u>(1)</u> | 8,225 | D | \$ 0 | 814,564 | Ι | By trust (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 314,564 (3) | Ι | By trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 500,000 | Ι | By GRAT (4) |

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 o | f, or | Beneficially Owned |
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| | (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | | 6. Date Exer | cisable | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Number | 10. | 11. Nature |
| Derivative | Conversion | Date | Execution Date, if | Transaction | Numł | ber | and Expirati | on Date | Amo | unt of | Derivative | of | Ownership | of Indirect |
| Security | or Exercise | (Month/Day/Year) | any | Code | of | | (Month/Day | /Year) | Unde | rlying | Security | Derivative | Form of | Beneficial |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Deriv | ative | | | Secur | rities | (Instr. 5) | Securities | Derivative | Ownership |
| | Derivative | | | | Secur | ities | | | (Instr | . 3 and | | Beneficially | Security: | (Instr. 4) |
| | Security | | | | Acqu | ired | | | 4) | | | Owned at | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | (A) o | r | | | | | | End of | or Indirect | |
| | | | | | Dispo | osed | | | | | | Issuer's | (I) | |
| | | | | | of (D |) | | | | | | Fiscal Year | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (Instr | . 3, | | | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | 4, and | 15) | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Amount | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | | | | Shares | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| HUGHES PAULINE NATURE'S SUNSHINE PRODUCTS, INC. 75 EAST 1700 SOUTH PROVO, UT 84606 | Х | Х | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Pauline Hughes | 02/13/2009 |
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| **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).
- (1) Represents a gift by a family trust for the benefit of the reporting person and her children, of which the reporting person is trustee and a beneficiary.
- (2) Represents shares owned by a family trust of which the reporting person is trustee and a beneficiary.
- (3) Excludes 500,000 shares previously owned indirectly by a family trust which were contributed to a grantor retained annuity trust on April 9, 2008.
- (4) Represents shares owned by a grantor retained annuity trust of which the reporting person is trustee.

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