## FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HAILEY V ANN |   |  |   |           |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LIMITED BRANDS INC [ LTD ] |   |          |  |                                   |                      |  |                                   |                  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|-----------|---|---|---|----------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
|  |   | <del></del>                                |   |           |   |   |   |          |  |                                   |                      |  |                                   | X                |   | r<br>(give title  |   | 10% Ow<br>Other (s   |  |  |
| (Last) THREE   | (F<br>LIMITED I   | •  | (Middle)                                      |           | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/12/2004 |   |   |          |  |                                   |                      |  |                                   | X                | below)  |   | nd CI   | below)   | pechy  |  |
| (Street)   | BUS O   | Н  | 43230   |           | 4.1   | f Ame   | ndme  | nt, Date | of Origina   | l Filed                           | d (Month/Da          | ay/Year)   |                                   | 6. Indi<br>Line) |   |   |   | (Check App   |  |  |
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|  |   | Tab  | le I - No                                     | n-Deriv   | /ative  | e Se  | curit   | ies Ac   | guired   | Dis                               | posed o              | of, or Be  | nefic                             | ially            | Owned   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans               |   |  |   | 2. Transa | action<br>Day/Year)   |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |          | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (                               | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |                      | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4                             |                                   |                  | 5. Amou<br>Securitie<br>Beneficia<br>Owned F                            | nt of<br>es<br>ally<br>Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | : Direct<br>Indirect<br>str. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |  |
|  |   |  |   |           |   |   |   |          | Code   | v                                 | Amount               | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price                             | e                | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3                                       | ion(s)  |   |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value 04/12/                  |   |  |   |           | /2004   | 2004  |   | М        |  | 28,474                            | 4 A                  | \$10   | ).534                             | 313,686          |   |   | D   |  |  |  |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value                         |   |  |   |           |   |   |   |          |  |                                   |                      |  | 1,675                             |                  |   | T I   | Minor<br>Child  |  |  |  |
| Common Stock, \$0.50 par value                         |   |  |   |           |   |   |   |          |  |                                   |                      |  |                                   |                  | 4,  | 400   |   | I  | SARP   |  |
|  |   | -  | Гable II -                                    |           |   |   |   |          |  |                                   | osed of,<br>converti |  |                                   |                  | wned  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 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. Deeme<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | Date,     | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (l<br>8)                               |   | n of  |          | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Yea |                                   | е                    | 7. Title and Amo<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secu<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   | [                | B. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>Instr. 5)                      | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | Fo<br>ly Dir<br>or<br>(I)   | 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) |  |
|  |   |  |   | С         | Code  | v   | (A)   | (D)      | Date<br>Exercisa                                     |                                   | Expiration<br>Date   | Title  | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | nber             |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| Stock<br>Option-<br>Right to                           | \$10.534  | 04/12/2004                                 |   |           | М   |   |   | 28,474   | (1)  |                                   | 08/12/2007           | Common<br>Stock,<br>\$0.50 par   | 28,4                              | 74               | \$0   | 9,492   |   | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Option vests 25% per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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

04/14/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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