COTY INC. Form SC 14D9/A March 28, 2019

## **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 14D-9**

(Rule 14d-101)

## **Solicitation/Recommendation Statement**

Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 2)

Coty Inc.

(Name of Subject Company)

Coty Inc.

(Name of Persons Filing Statement)

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Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

222070203

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 2 (this *Amendment*) amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, including pursuant to this Amendment, the *Schedule 14D-9*) originally filed by Coty Inc., a Delaware corporation (the *Company*), with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2019. Except to the extent specifically provided in this Amendment, the information set forth in the Schedule 14D-9 is not being amended hereby. Capitalized terms used in this Amendment but not defined shall have the meanings specified in the Schedule 14D-9.

#### Item 8. Additional Information.

Item 8. Additional Information is hereby amended as follows:

The second and third sentences in the fourth paragraph under the section entitled *Additional Information Regulatory Approvals* are hereby amended and restated in their entirety as follows:

Offeror has informed the Company that merger control or competition law filings outside of the U.S. are required of Offeror or its affiliates in various jurisdictions, including Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Turkey and Ukraine before the purchase of Shares in the Offer may be completed. As of March 28, 2019, Offeror has informed the Company that all required regulatory approvals, clearances or applicable waiting periods have been received or expired in all relevant jurisdictions other than Russia.

The following is added as a new section immediately prior to the section beginning with the heading *Additional Information Forward-Looking Statements*:

#### **Other Matters**

On March 20, 2019, a putative stockholder, Charles Waddell, served on the Company a demand to inspect the books and records of the Company pursuant to Section 220 of the DGCL. On March 26, 2019, another putative stockholder, John Bicanich, served a substantially identical demand on the Company. Each demand seeks to inspect documents as part of a purported investigation of possible breaches of fiduciary duty by the Board in connection with the Offer.

# **SIGNATURE**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

# Coty Inc.

By: /s/ Greerson G. McMullen Greerson G. McMullen Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: March 28, 2019