# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)** (July 22, 2021)

# **COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u>
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

<u>1-644</u> (Commission File Number) 13-1815595 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

300 Park Avenue, New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10022 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 310-2000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of th following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):
☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	CL	New York Stock Exchange
0.000% Notes due 2021	CL 21A	New York Stock Exchange
0.500% Notes due 2026	CL 26	New York Stock Exchange
1.375% Notes due 2034	CL 34	New York Stock Exchange
0.875% Notes due 2039	CL 39	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company a	as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or
Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).	

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 22, 2021, Colgate-Palmolive Company issued a press release announcing its recommendation with respect to the "mini-tender" offer by TRC Capital Investment Corporation. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits*. The following exhibit is filed with this document:

Exhibit Number	<u>Description</u>
99	Press release, dated July 22, 2021, issued by Colgate-Palmolive Company
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline eXtensible Business Reporting Language (Inline XBRL) document)

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### **COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

Date: July 22, 2021 By: /s/ Jennifer M. Daniels

Name: Jennifer M. Daniels

Title: Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

# EXHIBIT INDEX

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# Colgate Recommends Shareholders Reject "Mini-Tender" Offer By TRC Capital Investment Corporation

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 22, 2021--Colgate-Palmolive Company ("Colgate") has received notification of an unsolicited "mini-tender" offer by TRC Capital Investment Corporation ("TRC") to purchase up to 1.5 million shares, or approximately 0.18% of the outstanding common stock of Colgate as of March 31, 2021, at a price of \$80.63 per share in cash. TRC's offer price is 4.46% less than the \$84.39 closing price per share of Colgate's common stock on July 16, 2021, the last trading day before the mini-tender offer commenced.

Colgate does not endorse TRC's mini-tender offer and recommends that Colgate stockholders do not tender their shares in response to the offer because the offer is at a price below the current market price for Colgate's shares. The offer is also subject to numerous conditions, including TRC's ability to obtain sufficient financing to consummate the offer. Colgate also recommends that any stockholders who have tendered shares to TRC withdraw those shares by providing the written notice described in the offering documentation before the expiration of the offer, which is currently scheduled for 12:01am New York time on August 17, 2021.

Colgate is not associated with TRC, its mini-tender offer or the offer documentation.

Colgate urges stockholders to obtain current market quotes for their shares, to review the conditions to TRC's minitender offer, to consult with their brokers or financial advisors and to exercise caution with respect to TRC's minitender offer.

TRC has made similar unsolicited mini-tender offers for shares of other public companies. Mini-tender offers are designed to seek less than five percent of a company's outstanding shares, thereby avoiding many investor protections including the disclosure and procedural requirements applicable to larger tender offers under United States securities laws. As a result, minitender offers do not provide investors with the same level of protections as provided by larger tender offers under United States securities laws. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has cautioned investors about mini-tender offers noting that "some bidders make mini-tender offers at below-market prices, hoping that they will catch investors off guard if the investors do not compare the offer price to the current market price." The SEC also published investor tips regarding these offers on its website at: http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/minitend.htm

Colgate encourages brokers and dealers, as well as other market participants, to review the SEC's letter regarding broker-dealer mini-tender offer dissemination and disclosures at www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/minitenders/sia072401.htm and NASD's Notice to Members 99-53, issued July 1999, regarding guidance to members forwarding mini-tender offers to their customers, which can be found at https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/NoticeDocument/p004221.pdf

Colgate requests that a copy of this press release be included with all distributions of materials relating to TRC's mini-tender offer for shares of Colgate common stock.

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About Colgate-Palmolive: Colgate-Palmolive Company is a caring, innovative growth company reimagining a healthier future for all people, their pets and our planet. Focused on Oral Care, Personal Care, Home Care and Pet Nutrition, the Company sells its products in more than 200 countries and territories under brands such as Colgate, Palmolive, elmex, hello, meridol, Sorriso, Tom's of Maine, EltaMD, Filorga, Irish Spring, PCA Skin, Protex, Sanex, Softsoap, Speed Stick, Ajax, Axion, Fabuloso, Soupline and Suavitel, as well as Hill's Science Diet and Hill's Prescription Diet. The Company is recognized for its leadership and innovation in promoting environmental sustainability and community well-being, including its achievements in saving water, reducing waste, promoting recyclability and improving children's oral health through its Bright Smiles, Bright Futures program, which has reached more than 1.3 billion children since 1991. For more information about Colgate's global business and how the Company is building a future to smile about, visit www.colgatepalmolive.com. CL-C

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