

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 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)
October 6, 2005

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-644-2
(Commission File Number)

13-1815595
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

300 Park Avenue, New York, NY
(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 the 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))
-

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On October 6, 2005, the Board of Directors of Colgate-Palmolive Company elected Mr. John T. Cahill to the Board of Directors. Mr. Cahill is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Pepsi Bottling Group, Inc. Mr. Cahill brings extensive business leadership experience from his 16 years at PepsiCo and The Pepsi Bottling Group, where he has held multiple senior financial and operating leadership positions. With the addition of Mr. Cahill, the Board now has ten members.

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.

Date: October 7, 2005

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

By: /s/ Andrew D. Hendry

Name: Andrew D. Hendry

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary