## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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(Last)	ERRY PHILIP A  St) (First) (Middle)  D COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY D PARK AVENUE					Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     09/09/2004  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									(Chec	k all app Direct Offict below VP,	olicable) ctor er (give title w) Global Wi	10% Owner Other (specifications) rkplce Initiatives		owner (specify res
(Street)  NEW YC  (City)			10022 Zip)			T. II Amendment, Date of Original Filed (World)									Line)	Forn	rm filed by One Reporting Person rm filed by More than One Reporting			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
'''' ''' '			Date	Transaction ate Ionth/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (	Transaction Di Code (Instr. 5)		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a 5)			or and	nd Securities Beneficially Owned Followi		Fori (D)	Ownership m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Pric	ce	Transa	Reported Fransaction(s) Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 09			09/09	0/2004				F <sup>(1)</sup>		989		D	\$54.4		1	12,571		D		
Common Stock			09/09	9/2004				F <sup>(1)</sup>		68		D	\$54.4		12,503			D		
Common Stock															2	2,270		I	By issuer's 401(k) Plan trustee.	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, Transa		Transacti Code (Ins 8)	str.	on of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				ar) Se Un De Se and		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from restricted shares vesting under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan.

## Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

09/13/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$ 

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