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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [ CL ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2005	X Oncer (give the Other (specify below) below) Vice Chairman
(Street) NEW YORK (City)	NY (State)	10022 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11511.4)
Common Stock	01/13/2005		<b>F</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		3,421	D	\$50.29	442,419	D	
Common Stock								643	Ι	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)

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	1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	e (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							

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:** 

<u>Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney</u>

01/18/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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