FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  TANGNEY MICHAEL J							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]										all app Direc	licable)	g Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specibelow)  Gr. Asia & Africa		wner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2009											belov	v) ``			
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10022					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										i. Indivi ine) X					
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Common Stock 09/08/2							2009			F <sup>(1)</sup>	v		1,924 D		\$71		(Instr. 3 and 4) 417,711		D		
Common Stock																	1	8,586	I		By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee
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## Explanation of Responses:

1. Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from award of restricted shares vesting under the issuer's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Mr. Tangney's non-restricted holdings (i.e., common shares held outright) of Colgate stock.

## Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

09/10/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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