FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington,	D.C. 20549
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  THOMPSON DELIA H						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]  5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  V Officer (give title Other (specify												
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE							f Earli 009	iest Trans	saction (	Month	n/Day/Year)		VP, Investor Relations					
					_ 4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual Line)									Joint/Group	Filing	(Check App	olicable
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y		Ex ) if a	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			s Acquired (A) or f (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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	Transac	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(iiidii iy	
Common	Stock			08/17	/2009				S		112	D	\$71.190	5	0			By Spouse
Common	Stock			08/17/2009		┸					3,834	A	\$55.656	3 42	42,109		D	
Common	Stock			08/17/2009					M <sup>(1)</sup>		30,000	A	\$55.656	3 72	72,109		D	
Common				08/17				M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,687	A	\$59.32		75,796		D		
Common Stock			08/17	_			M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,699	A	\$58.83		79,495		D			
				08/17		_			M <sup>(1)</sup>		15,300	A	\$56.56		,795	_	D	
				08/17			F <sup>(2)</sup>		48,307	D	\$71.34		45,488		D			
Common Stock 08				08/18	/2009	╀			S <sup>(3)</sup>		1,188	D	\$70.879	6 45	45,300		D ,	D
Common Stock												2,	2,023		I 4	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee		
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					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$55.6563	08/17/2009			M <sup>(1)</sup>			3,834	09/09/2	:002	09/09/2009	Common Stock	3,834	\$0	0		D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$55.6563	08/17/2009			M <sup>(1)</sup>			30,000	09/09/2	:002	09/09/2009	Common Stock	30,000	\$0	0		D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$59.325	08/17/2009			M <sup>(1)</sup>			3,687	05/09/2	.001	09/09/2009	Common Stock	3,687	\$0	0		D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$58.83	08/17/2009			M <sup>(1)</sup>			3,699	04/23/2	2002	09/09/2009	Common Stock	3,699	\$0	0		D	

	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$56.565	08/17/2009		M <sup>(1)</sup>			15,300	09/11/2006	09/11/2009	Common Stock	15,300	\$0	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Exercise of stock options awarded under the issuer's employee stock option plan.
- 2. The exercise price of the options and related withholding requirement was satisfied by the Company's withholding shares otherwise deliverable upon exercise of the options.
- 3. Sale of shares (with proceeds delivered to the Company) for payment of tax liability above minimum required statutory withholding (but not in excess of full applicable statutory tax rates) incident to the exercise of the option under the issuer's employee stock option plan.

## Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

08/19/2009

\*\* 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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