FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Wallace Noel R.  |   |                          |                  |                                  |         | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ] |                 |   |                    |  |                              |   |        | (Check                 | all app<br>Direc  | olicable)  | g Person(s) to Is<br>10% C   |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---|-----------------|---|--------------------|--|------------------------------|---|--------|------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|  | (Fii<br>E-PALMO<br>K AVENUE   | LIVE COMPAN              | Middle)          |                                  |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2010                     |                 |   |                    |  |                              |   | X      | below)  Pres Colgate   |   | below)   |  |  |
| (Street)  NEW YC  (City)   |   |                          | .0022<br>Zip)    |                                  | _ 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                        |                 |   |                    |  |                              |   |        | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |  |  |
|  |   | Tabl                     | e I - No         | on-Deri\                         | /ative  | Sec   | uritie          | s Ac  | quirec             | l, Di  | sposed o                     | f, or B   | enefic | ially                  | Owne  | ed   |  |  |
| Date   |   |                          | Date             | Date Ex<br>(Month/Day/Year) if a |         | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year)                     |                 | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)   |                    | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a |                              |   |        | Secur<br>Benef<br>Owne | ties<br>cially<br>I Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |
|  |   |                          |                  |                                  |         |   |                 |   | Code               | v  | Amount                       | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price  |                        |   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)  |  | (Instr. 4)   |
| Common Stock 03/01/2   |   |                          |                  |                                  | 2010    | 010   |                 |   | F <sup>(1)</sup>   |  | 594                          | D   | \$8    | 3.79                   | 4   | 6,471  | D  |  |
| Common Stock 03/02/  |   |                          |                  | 2010                             | 010     |   |                 | S <sup>(2)</sup>  |                    | 162  | D                            | \$83  | .7756  | 4                      | 6,309   | D  |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |                          |                  |                                  |         |   |                 |   |                    |  |                              |   |        |                        |   | 2,913  | I  | By<br>Issuer's<br>401(k)<br>Plan<br>Trustee                        |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |                          |                  |                                  |         |   |                 |   |                    |  |                              |   |        |                        |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution if any | A. Deemed kecution Date, any     |         | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)   |                 | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |                    | Exerc<br>ion Da<br>/Day/Y                                      |                              | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |        | Deri<br>Seci<br>(Inst  |   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |                          | Code             | v                                | (A)     | (D)   | Date<br>Exercis | sable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |        |                        |   |  |  |  |

## **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, Wallace's non-restricted holdings (i.e., common shares held outright) of Colgate stock.
- 2. 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) resulting from vesting of award of restricted shares under the Company'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. Wallace's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.

## Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

03/03/2010

\*\* 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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