FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HUSTON JOHN J (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY					3. D	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2009								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President				Owner (specify
300 PARK AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day)				ction	ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) on Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			ted action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 03/02/2				2009)09			F ⁽¹⁾		312	D	\$5	3.14	3	86,884	D		
Common Stock 03/0			03/03/	/2009			S ⁽²⁾		80	D	\$57.	6254	3	86,804	D			
Common Stock															2,470	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee	
		Та	ıble II -								osed of, convertib				wned			,
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	emed on Date, Day/Year)	Code (I				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. !	vative urity	ive derivative y Securities	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	V (A) (D)		Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of 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. Huston'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. Huston's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.

Remarks:

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

03/04/2009

** 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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