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* TOBEN EDMUND D					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]									eck all app Direc	olicable) ctor	or		on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify		
	(Fii .GATE-PAI K AVENUE	LMOLIVE COM	Middle) IPANY			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2008							X Officer (give title Other (speci below) Sr. VP Glob. I.T. & Bus. Serv.							
(Street) NEW YC (City)			.0022 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tabl	e I - No	on-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quirec	l, Di	sposed o	f, or E	enefi	ciall	y Owne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da				Execution Date,				Disposed C	ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Form:	Direct Indirect I	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership				
								Code	v	Amount	(A) oi (D)	Price	•	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 12/02/2			12/02/2	2008	008		F ⁽¹⁾		77	D	\$62	2.65	59,931			D				
Common Stock													1,683			I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee			
Common Stock												2,387				By Daughter ⁽²⁾				
		Та	ble II -								osed of, convertib				Owned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	n Date Exe e (Month/Day/Year) if a		on Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exerc ion Da /Day/Y		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactic (Instr. 4)	i lly	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	Amoun or Numbe of le Shares							

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Payment of Medicare and income tax liability by withholding shares of stock from restricted shares previously granted under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. Mr. Toben's holding of Colgate shares increased after the combination of this withholding and the original grant. Mr. Toben continues to hold the restricted shares originally granted, less the amount of this required tax withholding.
- 2. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of

** Signature of Reporting Person

12/04/2008

<u>attorney</u>

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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