FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HUSTON JOHN J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]								(Check all ap		olicable)	g Person(s) to Is  10% (	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2006									Vice President				
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10022  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day					Exec if any	eemed ution E / th/Day	Date,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				Acquired (A) or (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	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Trans	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 03/01/					006				F <sup>(1)</sup>		584	D	\$5	4.72	1	9,930	D	
Common Stock 03/02/2					006			<b>S</b> <sup>(2)</sup>		173	D	\$54	.4336	1	9,757	D		
Common Stock														2,403		I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Dee Execution if any (Month/I	on Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		ite	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)					Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(0)	(D)	Date	abla	Expiration	Title	or Number of					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from performance-based 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 performance-based 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 attorney

03/03/2006

\*\* 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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