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# 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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1. Name and Addr HENDRY A	1 0		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [ CL ]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	10% Owner
P				X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		,	,
C/O COLGAT	E-PALMOLIV	E COMPANY	05/15/2009		Sr VP, Gen Counse	1 & Secretary
300 PARK AV	ENUE					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv	vidual or Joint/Group Filir	ng (Check Applicable
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## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(
Common Stock	05/15/2009		S		15,000	D	\$63.75	172,306	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2009		<b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		15,834	Α	\$48.0625	188,140	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2009		F <sup>(2)</sup>		13,582	D	\$63.49	174,558	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2009		S <sup>(3)</sup>		385	D	\$63.8599	174,173	D	
Common Stock	05/18/2009		S		5,000	D	\$63.8601	169,173	D	
Common Stock								279	I	By Spouse
Common Stock								3,761	I	By Son
Series B Convertible Preference Stock	05/19/2009		I <sup>(4)</sup>		969	D	\$515.84	2,042	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee
Series B Convertible Preference Stock								52	I	By Spouse

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of Derivative 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 8. Price of Derivative 9. Number of 11. Nature 3. Transaction 5. Number 10. 2. Conversion Date Execution Date Code (Instr. 8) Transaction Expiration Date of Securities derivative Ownership of Indirect Security (Instr. 3) or Exercise Price of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Underlying Derivative Security Security (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) Beneficial if any (Month/Day/Year) Securities Securities Beneficially Ownership Acquired (A) or Disposed Derivative (Instr. 3 and 4) Owned or Indirect (Instr. 4) Following Security (I) (Instr. 4) Reported of (D) (Insti 3, 4 and 5) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) Amount Number Date Expiration of Date Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Title Shares Stock Option Commor 05/15/2009 \$48.0625 15.834 09/14/2003 09/14/2010 15,834 \$<mark>0</mark> 0 D M (Right to Stock Buy)

### 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.

4. Transfer out of Company stock fund in issuer 401(k) plan.

## **Remarks:**

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

05/19/2009

\*\* 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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