

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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* <u>TOBEN EDMUND D</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY</u> <u>300 PARK AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/11/2003</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Information Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	35,088	D	
Common Stock	3,418	I	By children ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	1,232	I	By 401(k) Plan trustee
Series B Convertible Preference Stock	2,118	I	By 401(k) Plan trustee

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units	(2)	(2)	Series B Convertible Preference Stock	112	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/16/1999 ⁽³⁾	09/07/2004	Common Stock	3,012	42.2344	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/28/2000 ⁽³⁾	09/07/2004	Common Stock	5,022	49.4688	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/09/2000 ⁽⁴⁾	09/09/2009	Common Stock	13,000	55.6563	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/09/2000 ⁽⁴⁾	09/09/2009	Common Stock	20,000	55.6563	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/14/2001 ⁽⁴⁾	09/14/2010	Common Stock	16,800	48.0625	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/04/2001 ⁽³⁾	09/06/2005	Common Stock	7,988	58.125	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/17/2002 ⁽⁴⁾	09/17/2011	Common Stock	23,000	56.675	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/14/2002 ⁽³⁾	09/05/2006	Common Stock	9,001	55.7	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/14/2002 ⁽³⁾	09/11/2007	Common Stock	7,878	55.7	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/14/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	03/14/2012	Common Stock	15,000	54.705	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/12/2003 ⁽⁴⁾	09/12/2012	Common Stock	25,000	55.11	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/13/2003 ⁽³⁾	09/10/2008	Common Stock	11,370	52.875	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/13/2003 ⁽³⁾	03/05/2008	Common Stock	4,193	52.875	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/11/2004 ⁽⁴⁾	09/11/2009	Common Stock	23,400	56.565	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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.
2. The reported preference stock units were acquired under the issuer's Supplemental Savings & Investment Plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
3. Option became 100% exercisable on the date shown in this column.
4. Option becomes exercisable in one-third increments on each anniversary date, with the first third becoming exercisable on the date shown in this column.

Remarks:

[Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney](#) [12/22/2003](#)

** 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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

FORMS 3, 4 AND 5

I, Edmund D. Toben, an officer of Colgate-Palmolive Company (the "Company"), do hereby appoint Andrew D. Hendry, Nina D. Gillman, Joyce M. McCarthy and Erica West, severally, as my true and lawful attorneys with the power to execute and file on my behalf and in my place and stead, as I myself could do if I were personally present, any Form 3, 4 or 5 to be filed by me pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in connection with my ownership, either directly or indirectly, or any change therein, of securities of the Company.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in force and effect for as long as I continue to be an officer of the Company or until earlier revoked by me in writing and shall not otherwise be affected by my subsequent disability or incompetence.

In witness whereof, I have signed this instrument on December 18, 2003.

Signature: /s/ Edmund D. Toben
Print Name: Edmund D. Toben