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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 Address of Reporting Person*		Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [CL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner
(Last) C/O COLGATE 300 PARK AVE		(Middle) /E COMPANY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2004	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Operating Officer
(Street) NEW YORK (City)	NY (State)	10022 (Zip)	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-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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		
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/09/2004		F ⁽¹⁾		1,339	D	\$54.4	116,455	D		
Common Stock	09/09/2004		F ⁽¹⁾		92	A	\$54.4	116,363	D		
Common Stock								10,421	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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		mount of Derivative derivati ecurities Security (Instr. 5) Benefic erivative ecurity (Instr. 3) Followi		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	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from restricted shares vesting under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan.

Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

09/13/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

n 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).

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