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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Marsili Daniel B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]</u> | 5. 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>Sr.V.P. Global Human Resources</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/15/2012</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,500 | A | \$55.11 | 55,814 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2012 | | s ⁽²⁾ | | 4,500 | D | \$94.95 | 51,314 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 9,962 | 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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
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| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$55.11 | 03/15/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,500 | 09/12/2005 | 09/12/2012 | Common Stock | 4,500 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Exercise of stock options awarded under the issuer's employee stock option plan. This option exercise was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
- Sale of shares with a portion of the proceeds delivered to the issuer for payment of the exercise price of options under the issuer's employee stock option plan and the related tax withholding. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

Remarks:

Joyce McCarthy by power of attorney 03/19/2012

** 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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