### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  HICKEY DENNIS J							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Is (Check all applicable)  Director 10% C  Officer (give title Other)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2009								VP, Corporate Controller					
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10022					_   4.	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												1	
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day)					action	2A Ex r) if a	. Deer ecutio		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		(A) or	5. Amount of		Form	: Direct   C Indirect   E str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transa	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			,iii3u. 4)	
Common Stock 11/16/2						009			<b>M</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		18,000	A	\$48.06	25 124,499			D		
Common Stock 11/16/2					/2009	009		<b>F</b> <sup>(2)</sup>		14,061	D	\$82.4	4 1:	110,438		D			
Common Stock													:	3,748		I 2	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee		
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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		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number n of		• •	Exerci	isable and ite	7. Title and Amour of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$48.0625	11/16/2009			M <sup>(1)</sup>			18,000	09/14/2	2003	09/14/2010	Common Stock	18,000	\$0	0		D		

## **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.

# Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of

11/18/2009

<u>attorney</u>

\*\* 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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