

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>GARCIA FABIAN T</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>Pres. - Asia/Pacific Div.</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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>8,880</u> | <u>D</u> | |

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) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | |
| <u>Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u> | <u>09/11/2004⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>09/11/2009</u> | <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>56.565</u> | <u>D</u> | |
| <u>Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u> | <u>09/11/2004⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>09/11/2009</u> | <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>56.565</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. 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, Fabian T. Garcia, 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 15, 2003.

Signature: /s/ Fabian T. Garcia
Print Name: Fabian T. Garcia