FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* TOBEN EDMUND D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]									ck all app Dired	ationship of Repor (all applicable) Director Officer (give title		10%	ssuer Owner (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2009								Λ	below)		below)		´
(Street) NEW YC (City)	NEW YORK NY 10022					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) 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																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye						Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Form:	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 03/02/200							9		F ⁽¹⁾		412	D	\$58.	.14	70),811		D	
Common Stock 03/03/200)9			S ⁽²⁾		128	D	\$57.6	254	70,683			D	
Common Stock															2,	387			By Daughter ⁽³⁾
Common Stock														1,683		I		By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee	
		Та	ble II								oosed of, convertib				Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, Gecurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			4. Transa Code (8)		of Deriva Secur Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr.	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		te Exer ration E th/Day/		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		De Se (In	Price of erivative ecurity istr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from award of restricted shares vesting under the issuer's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Mr. Toben's non-restricted holdings (i.e., common shares held outright) of Colgate stock.
- 2. Sale of shares (with proceeds delivered to the Company) for payment of tax liability above minimum required statutory withholding (but not in excess of full applicable statutory tax rates) resulting from vesting of award of restricted shares under the Company's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Mr. Toben's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.
- 3. 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.

Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney ** Signature of Reporting Person

03/04/2009

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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