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* <u>PATRICK STEPHEN C</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [CL]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	10% Owner	
		· · · ·	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2009	X	Officer (give title below) Chief Financia	Other (specify below) I Officer	
(Street) NEW YORK (City)	NY (State)	10022 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Filir Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More the Person	porting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date Execution Date, (Month/Day/Year) if any				ction	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	8) Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/02/2009		F ⁽¹⁾		1,190	D	\$58.14	156,045	D	
Common Stock	03/03/2009		S ⁽²⁾		328	D	\$57.6254	155,717	D	
Common Stock								2,707	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. Transa Code (8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed . 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) sed 3, 4		7. Title Amour Securi Underl Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	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)
				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 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. Patrick'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. Patrick's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.

Remarks:

<u>Nina D Gillman by power of</u>

attorney

03/04/2009

** 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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