
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported)
January 12, 2006

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-644-2
(Commission File Number)

13-1815595
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

300 Park Avenue, New York, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

10022
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 310-2000

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On January 12, 2006, the Board of Directors of Colgate-Palmolive Company elected Mr. J. Pedro Reinhard to the Board of Directors. Mr. Reinhard is the former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Dow Chemical Company and brings extensive global business experience to the Colgate Board from his 35 years of service at Dow. With the addition of Mr. Reinhard, the Board now has nine members.

Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or By-laws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On January 12, 2006 the Board of Directors amended By-law 50 of the Company, entitled "Certificates of Stock," to clarify that all signatures on the Company's stock certificates may be facsimiles. The text of the amended by-law is filed as Exhibit 99 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed with this document:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Text of By-law 50, as amended on January 12, 2006

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 13, 2006

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

By /s/ Andrew D. Hendry

Name: Andrew D. Hendry

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

[Excerpt from By-laws of Colgate-Palmolive Company,
as amended on January 12, 2006]

CERTIFICATES OF STOCK

50. The certificates of stock of the corporation shall be numbered and entered in the books of the corporation as they are issued. They shall exhibit the holder's name and number of shares and shall be signed by the chairman of the board or the president or a vice president and by the treasurer or an assistant treasurer or the secretary or an assistant secretary. Any or all signatures on the certificate may be a facsimile. In case any officer, transfer agent or registrar who shall have signed or whose facsimile signature shall have been used on any such certificate shall cease to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar of the corporation before such certificate is issued, such certificate may be issued as though such person who signed such certificate or whose facsimile signature shall have been used thereon had not ceased to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar of the corporation.