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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Marsili Daniel B | | Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [CL] | | ationship of Reporting Pe (all applicable) Director | erson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner |
| p | | | — | _ X | Officer (give title | Other (specify |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | below) | below) |
| | () | () | 03/01/2010 | | VP Global Huma | n Resources |
| COLGATE-PA | LMOLIVE CO | OMPANY | | | | |
| 300 PARK AV | ENUE | | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv | /idual or Joint/Group Fili | ng (Check Applicable |
| (Chur at) | | | | Line) | | |
| (Street) | | | | X | Form filed by One Re | porting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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|--|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------------|-----------|---|---|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2010 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,062 | D | \$83.79 | 39,357 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2010 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 293 | D | \$83.7756 | 39,064 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 42 | 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)

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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 (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of Expiration Date Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 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. Marsili'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. Marsili's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.

Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of

<u>attorney</u>

03/03/2010

** 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).

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