## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MARTIN RONALD T  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE |  |  |  |          | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2010 |   |  |                  |   |            |   |   |               |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title below)  VP Global Soc. Responsibility |   |                             |   |  | owner<br>(specify                           |  |
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| (Street) NEW YC   |  |  | 10022<br>Zip)                                |          | 4. If  | Line  |  |                  |   |            |   |   |               |  |  | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  K 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  |  |  |  |          |  |   |  |                  |   |            |   |   |               |  |  |   |                             |   |  |   |  |
|   |  |  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)   |          | ır)   I  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | Code             | Transaction Dis                             |            | Securities Acquired (A)<br>sposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4   |   |               | l and Securiti<br>Benefic<br>Owned         |  | ties<br>cially<br>Following   | Form:                       | nership<br>: Direct<br>Indirect<br>str. 4)                      | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |   |  |
|   |  |  |  |          |  |   |  |                  | Code  | v          | Amount  |   | (A) or<br>(D) | Pric                                       | ,  т   | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  |                             |   |  | (111511.4)                                  |  |
| Common Stock 12/  |  |  |  | 12/02    | /2010  |   |  | F <sup>(1)</sup> |   | 59         |   | D | \$7           | 577.76                                     |  | 7,941   |                             | D   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock  |  |  |  |          |  |   |  |                  |   |            |   |   |               |  |  |   | 41                          |   | I  | By<br>Issuer's<br>401(k)<br>Plan<br>Trustee |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |          |  |   |  |                  |   |            |   |   |               |  |  |   |                             |   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | ay/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8)   | Instr.  | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                  | 6. Date Expiration (Month/L)  Date Exercise | Expiration | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares |   |               | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |  | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)                                       | Ov<br>Fo<br>Di<br>or<br>(I) | o.<br>wnership<br>orm:<br>irect (D)<br>r Indirect<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |  |

1. Payment of Medicare and income tax liability by withholding shares of stock from restricted shares previously granted under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The reporting person continues to hold the restricted shares originally granted, less the amount of this required tax withholding.

## Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of 12/06/2010 <u>attorney</u>

\*\* 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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