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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	J Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/11/2008	Director 10% Owner   X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)   VP-Chief Ethics & Compliance				
300 PARK AVENUE		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable				
(Street) NEW YORK NY	10022		Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an 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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(insu. 4)

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)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	of (D) (li 3, 4 and (A)	nstr.	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$79.52	09/11/2008		A <sup>(1)</sup>		27,000		09/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/11/2014	Common Stock	27,000	\$0	27,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

1. Annual Stock Option granted under the issuer's 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan.

2. Option becomes exercisable in one-third increments on each anniversary date, with the first third becoming exercisable on the date shown in this column.

#### **Remarks:**

#### Nina D. Gillman by power of 09/15/2008 attorney

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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