### FORM 4

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HUSTON JOHN J</u>				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]										(Check	tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify					
	`	LMOLIVE COM	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2012									X	below) Sr.V.P.Office of		below	)``	
(Street) NEW YC	ORK N	<b>Y</b> 1	10022 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Indiv Line) X	Forn Forn	I or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson			
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Common	Stock			03/02	/2012				S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,123		D	\$9	2.94	94 40,081 D				
Common Stock															14,899		I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee		
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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)	Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		9	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		J nstr. 3	Deri Secu (Inst	vative urity r. 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)	
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## Explanation of Responses:

1. Sale of shares (with proceeds delivered to the Company) for payment of tax liability incident to vesting of a restricted stock award under the issuer's Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

### Remarks:

<u>Joyce McCarthy by power of attorney</u> <u>03/06/2012</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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