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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Instruction 1(b).	

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Addre	1 0		2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [ CL ]		ationship of Reporting Pe c all applicable) Director	rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner
·			—	X	Officer (give title	Other (specify
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		below)	below)
. ,	· · /		04/03/2012		Chief Legal Office	r &Secretary
C/O COLGATI	E-PALMOLIV	'E COMPANY			<u> </u>	
300 PARK AVI	ENUE					
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv	/idual or Joint/Group Filir	ng (Check Applicable
(Street)				Line)		
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#### 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. Transac Code (II 8)				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	04/03/2012		M <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		2,000	A	\$68.15	126,047	D	
Common Stock	04/03/2012		S <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		2,000	D	\$98.49	124,047	D	
Common Stock	04/03/2012		S <sup>(3)</sup>		1,000	D	\$98.49	123,047	D	
Common Stock								3,761	Ι	By Son <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								744	I	By Spouse <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								1,276	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)

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. Transac Code (Ir 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 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				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$68.15	04/03/2012		M <sup>(1)(3)</sup>			2,000	09/12/2010	09/12/2013	Common Stock	2,000	\$0	56,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Exercise of stock options awarded under the issuer's employee stock option plan.

2. Sale of shares with a portion of the proceeds delivered to the issuer for payment of the exercise price of options under the issuer's employee stock option plan and the related tax withholding.

3. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.

4. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

**Remarks:** 

Joyce McCarthy by power of

attorney

04/05/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

 $\ast$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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