FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Thompson Neil					COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [ CL ]								(Check	all app Dired	olicable)	g Person(s) to Is  10% (	Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/08/2009								X	belov	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  Pres&CEO Hill's Pet Nutrition			
Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
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									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			rted action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 09/08/2				009	009			F <sup>(1)</sup>		260	D	\$7	1.49	1	19,441	D			
Common Stock 09/09/2				009	009			<b>S</b> <sup>(2)</sup>		83	D	\$71	.1073	1	19,358	D			
Common Stock															280	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee		
		Та	ble II -								osed of, convertib				wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution if any			Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exerc ion Da /Day/Y		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deri Sec (Ins	rice of vative urity tr. 5)	ative derivative ity Securities	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe 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. Thompson'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. Thompson's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.

## Remarks:

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

09/10/2009

\*\* 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).
- \*\* 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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