

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported)  
June 9, 2005**

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**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-644-2**

(Commission File Number)

**13-1815595**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**300 Park Avenue, New York, NY**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**10022**

(Zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 310-2000**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On June 9, 2005, the Board of Directors of Colgate-Palmolive Company elected Mr. Howard B. Wentz, Jr. to the Board of Directors. Mr. Wentz previously served as a Colgate director from 1982 to 2004. With the addition of Mr. Wentz, the Board now has nine members. The Board had been reduced to eight when Carlos M. Gutierrez resigned in January of this year upon his confirmation as Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce. Mr. Wentz will serve as a member of the three board committees on which he served previously, which are the Nominating and Corporate Governance, Finance and Audit Committees.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 10, 2005

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

By: /s/ Andrew D. Hendry

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Name: Andrew D. Hendry

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary