

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PATRICK STEPHEN C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY</u> <u>300 PARK AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>NEW YORK NY 10022</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/01/2004</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	09/01/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		16,833	A	\$53.83	184,416	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2004		F ⁽²⁾		34	D	\$54.16	184,382	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2004		F ⁽³⁾		16,731	D	\$54.16	167,651 ⁽⁴⁾	D	
Common Stock								2,707	I	By issuer's 401(k) plan

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$53.83	09/01/2004		M ⁽¹⁾		16,833		10/26/2001 ⁽⁵⁾	09/07/2004	Common Stock	16,833	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Exercise of stock options awarded under the issuer's employee stock option plan.
- Payment of tax liability by delivering or withholding shares of stock incident to the exercise of the option under the issuer's employee stock option plan.
- Payment of exercise price of stock option by delivering or withholding shares of stock incident to the exercise of the option under the issuer's employee stock option plan.
- As a result of the reported transactions, the reporting person's Common Stock ownership has increased by 68 shares.
- Option became exercisable six months from the grant date.

Remarks:

Nina D Gillman by power of attorney 09/03/2004

** 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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