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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Skala Justin			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO</u> [ CL ]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
			—	X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		,	,	
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY			08/15/2012		Pres. Colgate Latin America		
300 PARK AVE	ENUE						
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		vidual or Joint/Group Filir	ng (Check Applicable	
(Street)				Line)			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

#### 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)			4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)
Common Stock	08/15/2012		<b>M</b> <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		4,870	A	\$55.11	54,601	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2012		<b>S</b> <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		4,870	D	<b>\$105.2487</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	49,731	D	
Common Stock								23,732	Ι	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)

	(c.g., puls, 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)	\$55.11	08/15/2012		M <sup>(1)(3)</sup>			4,870	09/12/2005	09/12/2012	Common Stock	4,870	\$0	0	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. Weighted average price, as these shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$105.05 to \$105.75, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, additional information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

### Remarks:

<u>Nina Huffman by power of attorney</u>

08/17/2012

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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