

Deese Willie A
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Deese Willie A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2012

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)

221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

YORK, PA 17405

(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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 38.02 | 05/23/2012 | A | | 6,900 | | 05/23/2013 ⁽²⁾ | 05/23/2022 | Common Stock | 6,900 |
| RSU (Restricted Stock Unit) | \$ 0 | 05/23/2012 | A | | 1,710 | | 05/23/2015 ⁽³⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 1,710 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Deese Willie A 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET YORK, PA 17405 | | | | |

Signatures

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|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Deborah M. Rasin, POA for Willie A. Deese | 05/25/2012 |
| <u> </u> Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Not applicable to this transaction.
- (2) Shares vest in annual one-third (1/3) increments over a three-year period ending May 23, 2015.
- (3) Shares vest in full (restrictions lapse) 3 years from the grant date.

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