

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
STERKENBURG ALBERT

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)
221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET, SUITE 60W
 (Street)
YORK, PA 17401
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/17/2016

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial 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	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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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	\$ 55.91	02/17/2016	A	11,100	02/17/2017 ⁽¹⁾		02/17/2026		Common Stock	11,100
RSU (Restricted Stock Unit)	\$ 0	02/17/2016	A	3,041	02/17/2019 ⁽²⁾		⁽³⁾		Common Stock	3,041

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STERKENBURG ALBERT 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET SUITE 60W YORK, PA 17401			Senior VP	

Signatures

Justin H. McCarthy II, POA for Albert Sterkenburg	02/19/2016
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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) Shares vest in annual one-third (1/3) increments over a three-year period ending February 17, 2019.
- (2) Vests in full (restrictions lapse) 3 years from date of grant.
- (3) Not applicable to this transaction.

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