

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
THOMPSON DELIA H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]

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

09/08/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, Investor Relations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount or Price					
Common Stock	09/08/2008		F <sup>(1)</sup>		274	D	\$ 79.25	35,340	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>		93	D	\$ 79.1369	35,247	D	
Common Stock								1,813	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee
Common Stock								112	I	By spouse

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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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON DELIA H C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022			VP, Investor Relations	

## Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney  
09/10/2008

\_\_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) Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from award of restricted shares vesting under the issuer's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Ms. Thompson's non-restricted holdings (i.e., common shares held outright) of Colgate stock.
- (2) Sale of shares (with proceeds delivered to the Company) for payment of tax liability above minimum required statutory withholding (but not in excess of full applicable statutory tax rates) resulting from vesting of award of restricted shares under the Company's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Ms Thompson's

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non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.

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