

GARCIA FABIAN T  
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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 \*  
GARCIA FABIAN T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/31/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
COO Gl. Innov. & Growth & Eur.

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

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

(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 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 (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/31/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 56,000 A \$ 60.68   | 157,249   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/31/2012                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               | 56,000 D \$ 90.6884   | 101,249   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,761   | I  | By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee                       |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 60.68   | 01/31/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 56,000  | 09/07/2009 09/07/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 56,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                 | Other |
| GARCIA FABIAN T<br>C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY<br>300 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           | COO Gl.<br>Innov. &<br>Growth &<br>Eur. |       |

## Signatures

Joyce McCarthy by power of attorney  
02/02/2012

\_\_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) 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.

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