

Burton Nigel  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Burton Nigel		(Month/Day/Year)	COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		05/11/2012		
C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY,Â 300 PARK AVENUE			(Check all applicable)	
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			Chief Marketing Officer	
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	23,333	D	Â
Common Stock	6,588	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/12/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/12/2013	Common Stock	4,166	\$ 68.15	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/10/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/10/2015	Common Stock	18,001	\$ 73.23	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/16/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/16/2016	Common Stock	27,000	\$ 76.58	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/08/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	09/08/2017	Common Stock	28,000	\$ 90.46	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Burton Nigel C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â Chief Marketing Officer	Â

## Signatures

Nina Huffman by power of attorney 05/21/2012

         \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Option became exercisable in one-third increments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Option becomes exercisable in one-third increments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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