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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 \*  
 Woodson Gregory P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)

05/06/2010

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-Chief Ethics & Compliance

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 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 (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,167 A \$ 48.625   | 45,885  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,637 A \$ 57.275   | 50,522  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,515 A \$ 59.82  | 55,037  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 22,500 A \$ 54.4  | 77,537  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/06/2010                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               | 28,996 D \$ 81.77   | 48,541  | D  |   |

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Common Stock 05/07/2010 S<sup>(3)</sup> 1,226 D \$ 80.6245 47,315 D

Common Stock 7,965 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)                | \$ 48.0625   | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 5,167   | 09/14/2003 09/14/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 5,167                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 57.275  | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,637   | 04/12/2002 09/14/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 4,637                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 59.82   | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,515   | 12/13/2003 09/14/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 4,515                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 54.4  | 05/06/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 22,500  | 09/08/2007 09/09/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 22,500                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                    |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                            | Other |
| Woodson Gregory P<br>COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY<br>300 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           | VP-Chief<br>Ethics &<br>Compliance |       |

## Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney  
05/10/2010

\*\*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) The exercise price of the options and related withholding requirement was satisfied by the Company's withholding shares otherwise deliverable upon exercise of the options.
- (3) 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) incident to the exercise of the option under the issuer's employee stock option plan.

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