

Williamson Francis M  
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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 \*  
 Williamson Francis M

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)  
 COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/03/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP Fin.&Strat.Plan.Lat.Am.

NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/03/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 23,000  | A  | \$ 55.11 115,963 D                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 08/03/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 26,000  | A  | \$ 60.68 141,963 D                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 08/03/2012                           |  | S <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 49,000  | D  | \$ 106.9108 92,963 D                                  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 36,292 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)                | \$ 55.11   | 08/03/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 23,000  | 09/12/2005 09/12/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 23,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 60.68   | 08/03/2012                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 26,000  | 09/07/2009 09/07/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 26,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| Williamson Francis M<br>COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY<br>300 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           | VP<br>Fin.&Strat.Plan.Lat.Am. |       |

## Signatures

Nina Huffman by Power of Attorney 08/07/2012

\*\*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.  
  
Weighted average price, as these shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$106.68 to \$107.26, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, additional information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
  - (3) Commission, upon request, additional information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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