

Nelson Rosemary  
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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 \*  
Nelson Rosemary

(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)

12/29/2010

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-Dep Gen Counsel, Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 12/29/2010                           |  | C(1)                           |   | 1,935.448   | A  | 1,935.448                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 16,147  | D  |                                   |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---------|-----|--|-----------------|---|
|   |  |                                      |  |                                | V   | (A)     | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock       | <u>(1)</u>   | 12/29/2010                           |  | C <u>(1)</u>                   |   | 241,931 |     | <u>(1)</u>   | <u>(2)</u>      | Common Stock  |
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units | <u>(3)</u>   | 12/29/2010                           |  | D <u>(3)</u>                   |   | 15,008  |     | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(2)</u>      | Series B Convertible Preference Stock                       |
| Common Stock Units                          | <u>(3)</u>   | 12/29/2010                           |  | A <u>(3)</u>                   |   | 120,064 |     | <u>(3)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>      | Common Stock  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Nelson Rosemary<br>COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY<br>300 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           | VP-Dep Gen Counsel, Operations |       |

## Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney  
12/30/2010

        \*\*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).

- The Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee caused the conversion of all outstanding Series B Convertible Preference Stock on December 29, 2010, into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock at a conversion rate equal to eight shares of Common Stock for each share of Series B Convertible Preference Stock. The Series B Convertible Preference Stock was convertible at the Trustee's election upon the Issuer's decision to redeem such stock.
- (1) Convertible Preference Stock. The Series B Convertible Preference Stock was convertible at the Trustee's election upon the Issuer's decision to redeem such stock.
  - (2) The Series B Convertible Preference Stock and Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units had no expiration date.
- Upon the conversion of the Series B Convertible Preference Stock on December 29, 2010, the Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units were revalued as Common Stock Units at the rate of eight Common Stock Units for each Series B Convertible Preference Stock Unit.
- (3) Units were revalued as Common Stock Units at the rate of eight Common Stock Units for each Series B Convertible Preference Stock Unit.
  - (4) The Common Stock Units have no expiration date.

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