

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
Form 8-K  
January 27, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 24, 2005**

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**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-644-2**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-1815595**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**300 Park Avenue, New York, NY**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**10022**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 310-2000**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 27, 2005, Colgate-Palmolive Company issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2004. This press release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99 of this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in Item 2.02 and Exhibit 99 of this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On January 24, 2005, Carlos M. Gutierrez resigned from the Board of Directors of Colgate-Palmolive Company upon his confirmation as Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) *Exhibits.* The following exhibit is filed with this document:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press release, dated January 27, 2005, issued by Colgate-Palmolive Company

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

Date: January 27, 2005

By:           /s/ Stephen C. Patrick          

Name: Stephen C. Patrick  
Title: Chief Financial Officer