

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|---------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Nelson Rosemary | | (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) |
| 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) | |
| | | | VP-Dep Gen Counsel, Operations | |
| 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 | 9,410 | D | Â |
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock | 444 | 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) |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units | Â <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(1)</u> | Series B Convertible Preference Stock | 14 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/09/2002 <u>(2)</u> | 09/09/2009 | Common Stock | 5,700 | \$ 55.6563 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/14/2007 <u>(2)</u> | 09/14/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 | \$ 48.0625 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/17/2004 <u>(2)</u> | 09/17/2011 | Common Stock | 8,500 | \$ 56.675 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/17/2006 <u>(2)</u> | 09/17/2011 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 56.675 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/12/2005 <u>(2)</u> | 09/12/2012 | Common Stock | 9,000 | \$ 55.11 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/11/2006 <u>(2)</u> | 09/11/2009 | Common Stock | 8,550 | \$ 56.565 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/09/2007 <u>(2)</u> | 09/09/2010 | Common Stock | 8,550 | \$ 54.4 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/08/2006 <u>(3)</u> | 09/08/2011 | Common Stock | 9,000 | \$ 53.455 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/07/2007 <u>(3)</u> | 09/07/2012 | Common Stock | 9,000 | \$ 60.68 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/12/2008 <u>(3)</u> | 09/12/2013 | Common Stock | 9,000 | \$ 68.15 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney
01/17/2008

__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) The reported preference stock units were acquired under the issuer's Supplemental Savings & Investment Plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (2) Option became 100% exercisable on the date shown in this column.
- (3) Option becomes exercisable in one-third increments on each anniversary date, with the first third becoming exercisable on the date shown in this column.

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