

HUSTON JOHN J
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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 *
HUSTON JOHN J

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)
C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/14/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

(Street)
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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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	11/14/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		14,000	A	\$ 55.6563
Common Stock	11/14/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		15,300	A	\$ 56.565
Common Stock	11/14/2008		F ⁽²⁾		27,446	D	\$ 62.06
Common Stock	11/17/2008		S ⁽³⁾		280	D	\$ 62.3036
Common Stock	11/17/2008		S		1,574	D	\$ 63.006

Common Stock		2,468	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee
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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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.6563	11/14/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	14,000	09/09/2002	09/09/2009	Common Stock	14,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 56.565	11/14/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	15,300	09/09/2006	09/09/2009	Common Stock	15,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUSTON JOHN J C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022			Vice President	

Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney 11/18/2008

__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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