TANGNEY MICHAEL J

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TANGNEY MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/11/2008

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

(First)

below) below) COO Europe, Gr. Asia & Africa

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A)

Code V

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Title

Date

Amount or Number

of Share

Stock

Buy)

Option (Right to

\$ 79.52 09/11/2008 $A^{(1)}$ 75,000 09/11/2009(2) 09/11/2014

Common

75,000 Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

TANGNEY MICHAEL J C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022

COO Europe, Gr. Asia & Africa

Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

09/15/2008

**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).
- Annual Stock Option granted under the issuer's 2005 Employee Stock Option Plan.
- 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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