

TANGNEY MICHAEL J
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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 *
 TANGNEY MICHAEL J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)
 Vice Chairman

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 | 12/29/2010 | | C(1) | | 44,233.256 | A | 11 |
| Common Stock | | | | | 62,906.24 | I | |
| | | | | | 459,369 | 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) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------|--|-----------------|---|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | |
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock | (1) | 12/29/2010 | | C(1) | V | 5,529.157 | (1) | (2) | Common Stock |
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units | (3) | 12/29/2010 | | D(3) | | 875.392 | (3) | (2) | Series B Convertible Preference Stock |
| Common Stock Units | (3) | 12/29/2010 | | A(3) | | 7,003.136 | (3) | (4) | Common 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 | | | Vice Chairman | |

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).

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- 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
- (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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