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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PATRICK STEPHEN C | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE | (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2006 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer | | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivativ | e Secu | rities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | y 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) | | sed of 4 and (A) or | | 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) |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2006 | | F(1) | 2,358 | D | \$ 54.72 | 176,855 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2006 | | S(2) | 713 | D | \$ 54.4336 | 176,142 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 2,707 | 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. | 5. onNumber | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of Derivative | 9. Nu Deriv |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------|---|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Tear) | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of | (Month/Day/e | | Under Securi | rlying | Security (Instr. 5) | Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PATRICK STEPHEN C C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Nina D Gillman by power of 03/03/2006 attorney

**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).
- Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from performance-based award of restricted shares vesting under the issuer's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted **(1)** shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Mr. Patrick's non-restricted holdings (i.e., common shares held outright) of Colgate stock.
- **(2)** 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) resulting from vesting of performance-based award of restricted shares under the Company's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Mr. Patrick's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common

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stock.

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