

TANGNEY MICHAEL 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 *
TANGNEY MICHAEL 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
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
COO Europe, Gr. Asia & Africa

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	02/13/2009		M ⁽¹⁾		30,000	A	\$ 46.9219	409,017	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2009		F ⁽²⁾		24,901	D	\$ 63.13	384,116	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2009		S ⁽³⁾		770	D	\$ 61.1227	383,346	D	
Common Stock								18,534	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)

Table with 7 main columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Includes a row for Stock Option (Right to Buy) with details like price \$46.9212, date 02/13/2009, and 30,000 shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Lists TANGNEY MICHAEL J with relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, COO Europe, Gr. Asia & Africa.

Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney, Date 02/18/2009

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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