

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2004

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

**October 20, 2004**

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

**1-644-2**  
(Commission)

**13-1815595**  
(IRS Employer)

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(State of Incorporation)

(File Number)

(Identification No.)

**300 Park Avenue, New York, NY**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10022**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**(212) 310-2000**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 20, 2004, Colgate-Palmolive Company issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third quarter of 2004. This press release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) *Exhibits.* The following exhibit is filed with this document:

**Exhibit**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press release, dated October 20, 2004, issued by Colgate-Palmolive Company

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

Date: October 20, 2004

By:           /s/           STEPHEN C. PATRICK

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Name: Stephen C. Patrick  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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