

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Nelson Rosemary		(Month/Day/Year)	COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/10/2008	
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY,Â 300 PARK AVENUE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)	(Check all applicable)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
	(give title below) (specify below)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
	VP-Dep Gen Counsel, Operations		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10022				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	9,410	D	Â
Series B Convertible Preference Stock	444	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units	Â <u>(1)</u>	Â <u>(1)</u>	Series B Convertible Preference Stock	14	\$ 0	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/09/2002 <u>(2)</u>	09/09/2009	Common Stock	5,700	\$ 55.6563	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/14/2007 <u>(2)</u>	09/14/2010	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 48.0625	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/17/2004 <u>(2)</u>	09/17/2011	Common Stock	8,500	\$ 56.675	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/17/2006 <u>(2)</u>	09/17/2011	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 56.675	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/12/2005 <u>(2)</u>	09/12/2012	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 55.11	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/11/2006 <u>(2)</u>	09/11/2009	Common Stock	8,550	\$ 56.565	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/09/2007 <u>(2)</u>	09/09/2010	Common Stock	8,550	\$ 54.4	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/08/2006 <u>(3)</u>	09/08/2011	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 53.455	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/07/2007 <u>(3)</u>	09/07/2012	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 60.68	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/12/2008 <u>(3)</u>	09/12/2013	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 68.15	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Rosemary COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022	Â	Â	Â VP-Dep Gen Counsel, Operations	Â

## Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney 01/17/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The reported preference stock units were acquired under the issuer's Supplemental Savings & Investment Plan and will be settled upon the reporting person's retirement or other termination of service.
- (2) Option became 100% exercisable on the date shown in this column.
- (3) 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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