

HUSTON JOHN 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 \*  
HUSTON JOHN 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)  
08/12/2010

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 President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	08/12/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	9,096 A \$ 55.94	47,070	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	15,300 A \$ 54.4	62,370	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	5,000 A \$ 48.0625	67,370	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2010		F <sup>(2)</sup>	23,742 D \$ 77.02	43,628	D	
Common Stock	08/13/2010		S <sup>(3)</sup>	886 D \$ 76.921	42,742	D	

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Common Stock 08/13/2010 S 4,768 D \$ 76.6569 37,974 D

Common Stock 2,514 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 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) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 55.94	08/12/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	9,096	04/30/2003 09/14/2010	Common Stock	9,096
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54.4	08/12/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	15,300	09/09/2007 09/09/2010	Common Stock	15,300
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 48.0625	08/12/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	5,000	09/14/2003 09/14/2010	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HUSTON JOHN J C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY			Vice President	

300 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK, NY 10022

## Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of  
attorney

08/16/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* 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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