

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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)  
February 25, 2010 (February 25, 2010)

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-644  
(Commission  
File Number)

13-1815595  
(IRS Employer  
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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors.**

At its meeting on February 25, 2010, the Board of Directors of Colgate-Palmolive Company ("Colgate") elected Dr. Helene D. Gayle and Mr. Joseph Jimenez to the Board of Directors effective March 1, 2010.

Dr. Gayle, 54, is President and Chief Executive Officer of CARE USA, one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations. Prior to joining CARE in 2006, Dr. Gayle previously held senior positions with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As a distinguished expert and leader in the global public health field, she brings to Colgate's Board a deep understanding of the importance of health and hygiene around the world where Colgate's oral and personal care products are sold.

Mr. Jimenez, 50, is Chief Executive Officer of Novartis AG, a global pharmaceutical company. Prior to joining Novartis in 2007, Mr. Jimenez was President and CEO of H.J. Heinz's North American and European businesses and held senior leadership positions at ConAgra Grocery Products. Mr. Jimenez brings to Colgate's Board extensive leadership experience in the consumer products industry.

Mrs. Jill K. Conway, 75, one of the independent directors of the Board of Directors of Colgate, will not stand for reelection to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 7, 2010, in light of her desire to retire as a director at the end of her current term.

**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: February 25, 2010

By: /s/ Andrew D. Hendry  
Name: Andrew D. Hendry  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary