

Williamson Francis M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Williamson Francis M
 (Last) (First) (Middle)
 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2010
 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]
 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

COLGATE PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 VP Fin. & Strat. Plan. Lat. Am.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 | 91,603 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10,488 | I | By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee |
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock | 4,745 | 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)

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| 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 (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Series B Convertible Preference Stock Units | Â <u>(1)</u> | Â <u>(1)</u> | Series B Convertible Preference Stock | 124 | \$ 0 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/17/2004 ⁽²⁾ | 09/17/2011 | Common Stock | 22,000 | \$ 56.675 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/12/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 09/12/2012 | Common Stock | 23,000 | \$ 55.11 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/08/2008 ⁽²⁾ | 09/08/2011 | Common Stock | 23,500 | \$ 53.455 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/07/2009 ⁽²⁾ | 09/07/2012 | Common Stock | 26,000 | \$ 60.68 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/12/2010 ⁽²⁾ | 09/12/2013 | Common Stock | 28,000 | \$ 68.15 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/11/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 09/11/2014 | Common Stock | 28,000 | \$ 79.52 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/10/2010 ⁽³⁾ | 09/10/2015 | Common Stock | 28,000 | \$ 73.23 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 09/16/2011 ⁽³⁾ | 09/16/2016 | Common Stock | 28,000 | \$ 76.58 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Williamson Francis M COLGATE PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â | Â | Â VP Fin.& Strat. Plan. Lat. Am. | Â |

Signatures

Nina Huffman by Power of Attorney
12/20/2010

**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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