TERUEL JAVIER G

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

TERUEL JAVIER G		Symbol COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]					Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2005					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice Chairman			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
NEW YOR	K, NY 10022							Form filed by M Person	More than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/01/2005			F(1)	3,913	D	\$ 53.17	253,521	D		
Common Stock								8,752	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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
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	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Own
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					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration Date				
						Exercisable			Number		
				G 1 W	(A) (B)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer 10% Owner Other Director

TERUEL JAVIER G C/O COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY 300 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022

Vice Chairman

Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney

03/03/2005

**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).

Payment of tax liability by withholding shares of stock from restricted share units vesting under the issuer's Executive Incentive (1) Compensation Plan. Total non-restricted holdings (i.e., common stock held outright) of Mr. Teruel increased as a result of this transaction.

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