

Skala Justin  
 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 \*  
 Skala Justin

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO [CL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/12/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Pres. Colgate Greater Asia

NEW YORK, NY 10022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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                    | 11/12/2009                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 4,000   | A  | \$ 64.75  | 46,306 | D |                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 11/12/2009                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 3,218   | D  | \$ 80.5   | 43,088 | D |                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 11/13/2009                           |  | S <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 337   | D  | \$ 80.9977  | 42,751 | D |                                 |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 563    | I | By Issuer's 401(k) plan Trustee |

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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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 64.75   | 11/12/2009                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,000   | 01/13/2003 01/13/2010                                    | Common Stock  | 4,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| Skala Justin<br>COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY<br>300 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 |               |           | Pres. Colgate Greater Asia |       |

## Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney 11/16/2009

\*\*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)

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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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