

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO
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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 *
TOBEN EDMUND D

(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)

09/08/2008

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)
Sr. VP Glob. I.T. & Bus. Serv.

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 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	09/08/2008		F(1)	448 D \$ 79.25	60,229	D	
Common Stock	09/09/2008		S(2)	139 D \$ 79.1369	60,090	D	
Common Stock					1,658	I	By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee
Common Stock					2,387	I	By daughter

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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) resulting from vesting of award of restricted shares under the Company's stockholder-approved Executive Incentive Compensation Plan. The overall net effect of the vesting of restricted shares, after the withholding and sale of shares to pay income taxes associated with such vesting reported on this Form, was to increase Mr. Toben's non-restricted holdings (i.e., shares held outright) of Colgate common stock.

- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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