

STERKENBURG ALBERT  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â STERKENBURG ALBERT		(Month/Day/Year)	DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2009	
AMSELBERG 20			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
WEISBADEN,			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
GERMANY,Â 2MÂ 65191			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

**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)
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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		

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Stock Option	12/08/2009	12/08/2018	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 25.91	D	Â
Stock Option	12/08/2010	12/08/2018	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 25.91	D	Â
Stock Option	12/08/2011	12/08/2018	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 25.91	D	Â
Stock Option	12/12/2004	12/12/2011	Common Stock	2,300	\$ 15.58	D	Â
Stock Option	12/11/2005	12/11/2012	Common Stock	20,400	\$ 18.49	D	Â
Stock Option	12/15/2006	12/15/2013	Common Stock	20,200	\$ 22.14	D	Â
Stock Option	12/13/2007	12/13/2014	Common Stock	14,262	\$ 27.45	D	Â
Stock Option	12/13/2008	12/13/2015	Common Stock	16,778	\$ 27.74	D	Â
Stock Option	03/22/2009	03/22/2016	Common Stock	13,800	\$ 28.57	D	Â
Stock Option	12/12/2009	12/12/2016	Common Stock	23,200	\$ 31.36	D	Â
Stock Option	12/10/2010	12/10/2017	Common Stock	16,900	\$ 45.15	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	02/05/2010	Â (1)	Common Stock	3,400	\$ (1)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	02/04/2011	Â (1)	Common Stock	2,860	\$ (1)	D	Â
Additional RSUs (2)	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	36.36	\$ (1)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STERKENBURG ALBERT AMSELBERG 20 WEISBADEN, GERMANY, Â 2MÂ 65191	Â	Â	Â SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Â

## Signatures

Brian M. Addison, POA for Albert Sterkenburg  
01/02/2009

\*\*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) Not applicable to this transaction
- (2) Dividend on existing vested or unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) awarded to participant, payable as additional units of phantom stock

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