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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY] Deese Willie A (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA (Check all applicable) **STREET** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person YORK, PAÂ 17405 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and		3. Title and Amount of		4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 4)			Securities Un	nderlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial	
			Derivative So	Derivative Security		Form of	Ownership	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Date	Expiration	Title	A mount or	Derivative	Security:		
			Title	Amount or	Security	Direct (D)		
	Exercisable	Date		Number of		or Indirect		
				Shares		(I)		

						(Instr. 5)		
Stock Option Grant	02/11/2014	02/11/2021	Common Stock	2,500	\$ 36.62	D	Â	
RSU (Restricted Stock	(1)	(2)	Common	266	\$ 36.62	D	Â	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe		
Deese Willie A 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET YORK, PA 17405	Â	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

Brian M.
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**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) Not applicable to this transaction.

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