

Thompson Neil  
Form 3  
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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 \*

Thompson Neil  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY, 300 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
05/08/2009

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Pres&CEO Hill's Pet Nutrition

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

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 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)

Common Stock

19,072

D

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Common Stock

182

I

By Issuer's 401(k) Plan Trustee

Series B Convertible Preference Stock

88

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

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                 | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                            | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                   | 09/07/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | 09/07/2012      | Common Stock   | 9,334                      | \$ 60.68   | D  | Â  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                   | 09/12/2008 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | 09/12/2013      | Common Stock   | 15,500                     | \$ 68.15   | D  | Â  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                   | 09/11/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>                                   | 09/11/2014      | Common Stock   | 18,000                     | \$ 79.52   | D  | Â  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Thompson Neil<br>COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY<br>300 PARK AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10022 | Â             | Â         | Â Pres&CEO Hill's Pet Nutrition | Â     |

## Signatures

Nina D. Gillman by power of attorney 05/15/2009

\_\_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) Option becomes exercisable in one-third increments on each anniversary date, with the first third becoming exercisable on the date shown in this column.

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