

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO

Form 8-K

January 26, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 26, 2012

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u>	<u>1-644</u>	<u>13-1815595</u>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

<u>300 Park Avenue, New York, NY</u>	<u>10022</u>
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 310-2000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 26, 2012, Colgate-Palmolive Company (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. This press release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Items 2.02 and 9.01 of this Current Report is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in such items shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Michael J. Tangney, Vice Chairman of the Company, has advised the Company of his decision to retire as Vice Chairman effective February 1, 2012, after more than 40 years of distinguished service with the Company in multiple roles and geographies. Mr. Tangney’s responsibilities will be assumed by other executive officers of the Company, as planned.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.* The following exhibit is filed with this document:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
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99	Press release, dated January 26, 2012, issued by Colgate-Palmolive Company
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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE  
COMPANY**

Date: January 26, 2012 By: /s/ Dennis J. Hickey  
Name: Dennis J. Hickey  
Title: Chief Financial Officer