

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2008

**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) December 11, 2008

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-644-2  
(Commission  
File Number)

13-1815595  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

300 Park Avenue, New York, NY  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10022  
(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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Colgate-Palmolive Company today announced that, consistent with previously announced succession plans, Mr. Reuben Mark will retire as Chairman of the Board and a director of Colgate-Palmolive Company effective December 31, 2008, and that the Board of Directors has elected Mr. Ian M. Cook, currently Chief Executive Officer and President and a member of the Board of Directors, to the additional role of Chairman of the Board, effective January 1, 2009.

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

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

Exhibit Number   Description

99                      Press release, dated December 11, 2008, issued by Colgate-Palmolive Company

**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.

Date: December 11, 2008

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

By: /s Andrew D. Hendry  
Name: Andrew D. Hendry  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary