

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO  
Form 8-K  
July 02, 2007

**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) June 29, 2007

**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

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**Item 5.02. Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers.**

In line with a previously announced succession plan, on June 29, 2007, the Board of Directors of Colgate-Palmolive Company (the "Company") elected Ian M. Cook, currently President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, as President and Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company, effective July 1, 2007.

Mr. Cook, 55, joined Colgate in the United Kingdom in 1976 and progressed through a series of senior management roles around the world. He became Chief Operating Officer in 2004, with responsibility for operations in North America, Europe, Central Europe, Asia and Africa. In 2005, Mr. Cook was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer, responsible for all Colgate operations worldwide.

Mr. Cook's appointment coincides with Reuben Mark's retirement as Chief Executive Officer, a position he held since 1984. At the Board's request, Mr. Mark will remain as Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors for a period of up to 18 months after July 1, 2007.

**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: July 2, 2007

**COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY**

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