

COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO
Form DEFA14A
April 29, 2003

**Section 240.14a-101 Schedule 14A.
Information required in proxy statement.
Schedule 14A Information
Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
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COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY

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**[LETTER TO CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY COMMON STOCK]**

April 29, 2003

DEAR FELLOW COLGATE STOCKHOLDER:

You should have received your annual report and proxy materials in connection with Colgate-Palmolive Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 6, 2003. Regardless of the number of shares of Colgate stock that you own, it is important that your shares be represented and voted at the Meeting.

Please take a moment to sign, date and mail the enclosed duplicate proxy at your earliest convenience. You should read carefully and consider the information contained in the Proxy Statement.

Should you prefer, you may also use one of the following simple methods for promptly providing your voting instructions:

1. **Vote by telephone.** Call the toll-free number listed for this purpose on your voting instruction form (at no cost to you). Please have your 12-digit control number listed on the form ready and follow the simple instructions.

2. **Vote by Internet.** Go to the website listed on your voting instruction form. Please have your 12-digit control number listed on the form ready and follow the simple instructions.

TELEPHONE and INTERNET VOTING is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, until 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) on Monday, May 5, 2003. If you vote by telephone or via the Internet, you do not need to return your voting instruction form.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your prompt response and your continued interest in, and support of, Colgate-Palmolive Company.

Very truly yours,

Reuben Mark
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

William S. Shanahan
President

Should you prefer, you may also use one of the following simple methods for promptly providing your voting instructions:

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COLGATE-PALMOLIVE COMPANY COMMON STOCK]**

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