FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STERKENBURG ALBERT					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY]					[Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET WEST BUILDING/DENSPLY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/13/2012						below)	Senio	belov		
(Street) YORK (City)	PA (S	A tate)	17405 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned														
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				te	action 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Transaction Code (Instr. 5)				Securities Beneficially Owned Follo		6. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
				Code V			Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	on(s) nd 4)		(Instr. 4)		
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)														
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	cise (Month/Day/Year) f ive	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Code (Instr.				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction (Instr. 4)	n(s)	
PRSU	\$40.13	04/13/2012		A		7.439 ⁽¹⁾		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	7.439	\$40.13	4,395.73	3 D	
RSU (Restricted Stock Unit)	\$40.13	04/13/2012		A		20.369 ⁽³⁾		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	20.369	\$40.13	15,050.96	54 D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Dividend on existing vested or unvested Performance based Restricted Stock Units (PRSUs) awarded to participant, payable as additional units of phantom stock.
- 2. Not applicable to this transaction.
- 3. Dividend on existing vested or unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) awarded to participant, payable as additional units of phantom stock.

<u>Deborah M. Rasin, POA for</u> <u>Albert Sterkenburg</u>

04/17/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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).

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