FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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			or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940					
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>STERKENBURG ALBERT</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET WEST BUILDING/DENSPLY (Street) YORK PA 17405		STREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2012	Senior VP				
			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)						5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150. 4)
Common Stock	02/12/2012		М		6,037	Α	\$37.68	8,948.127	D	
Common Stock	02/12/2012		F		2,676 ⁽⁴⁾	D	\$37.68	6,272.127	D	

 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
RSU (Restricted Stock Unit)	\$ 37.68	02/12/2012		М			6,037 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2012 ⁽³⁾	02/12/2012	Common Stock	6,037	\$0 ⁽²⁾	9,408.595	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Vesting of RSU granted on 02/04/2008 (previously reported on Form 4) along with accumulated dividends (issued on a quarterly basis) also reported on Form 4 since the date of the grant. 2. Not applicable to this transaction.

3. Vests in full (restrictions lapse) 3 years from date of grant.

4. Amount withheld for taxes.

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Deborah M. Rasin, POA for Albert Sterkenburg <u>12/</u>

12/15/2012

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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