FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* HECHT WILLIAM F (Last) (First) (Middle) 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET WEST BUILDING/DENTSPLY (Street) YORK PA 17405 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/12/2012 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title X Other (specify below) Lead Director 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| Table I - Non-Deriva 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securi Dispose 5) | of, or Be | ed (A) or str. 3, 4 ar | 5. Amou 4 and Securitie Benefici Owned I Reporte | | int of 6. Or Forr ially (D) of Following (I) (II) | | n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4) | r. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/\) | ate, Tr | 4. Transactio Code (Inst 8) | | | | 6. Date Exe Expiration I (Month/Day | Date | Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative S (Instr. 3 and | | f g Security nd 4) | De Se (In | Price of rivative curity str. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s lly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | C | ode | v | | | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| RSU (Restricted Stock Unit) | \$0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10/12/2012 | | | A | | 10 ⁽²⁾ | | (3) | | (4) | Common Stock | 10 | \$ | \$38.14 | 6,960.0 | 42 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares convert to common stock on a one for one basis.
- 2. Dividend on existing vested or unvested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) awarded to participant, payable as additional units of phantom stock.
- 3. Vests in full (restrictions lapse) 3 years from date of grant.
- 4. Not applicable to this transaction.

<u>Deborah M. Rasin, POA for</u> William F. Hecht

10/12/2012

** 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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