FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Deese Willie A | | | | | <u>D</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY] | | | | | | | <u>./</u> (Ch | eck all appli X Direct | cable) or | son(s) to Iss | vner | | |
|--|--|--|--|---------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------|---|-----|--|------------------|--|---|---|---------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/08/2011 | | | | | | | | below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | респу | |
| (Street) YORK (City) | PA (Si | | 17405 (Zip) | | - 4. li | 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 | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | n-Deriv | vative | e Se | curities | Acc | quired, D | isp | osed o | f, or Be | neficial | y Owned | ł | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Date | | Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | | es ally Following | Form (D) o | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code V | | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | Transac | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day | Date, | 4. Transa Code (l 8) | | of I | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | Amount of | | f g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transactie (Instr. 4) | e s lly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| RSU (Restricted Stock Unit) Granted | \$36.49 | 04/08/2011 | | | A | | 0.36 ⁽¹⁾ | | (2) | | (3) | Common Stock | 0.36 | \$36.49 | 266.3 | 6 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Dividend on existing vested or unvested Restricted Stock Unit (RSUs) awarded to Reporting Person, payable as additional units of Phantom Stock.
- 2. Not applicable to this transaction.
- 3. Not applicable to this transaction.

04/12/2011

** 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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