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* <u>ALFANO MICHAEL C</u> | | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [(XRAY)] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting F (Check all applicable) X Director | | | suer |
|--|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|------|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/07/2008 | | | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (below) | specify |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 100119132 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 2 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Ind Line) X | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | | ction 2A. Dee | | | 3. Transac | | | ities Acqui | red (A) | or | 5. Amou Securiti Benefic Owned | unt of 6. 0 ies For (D) Following (I) | | n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | ice | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (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. Deemec Execution E if any (Month/Day | Date, T | 4. Transactic Code (Inst 8) | | | | 6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day | Date | | nd 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | S (I | . Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | C | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | |
| Additional RSUs ⁽¹⁾ | (2) | 10/07/2008 | | | Α | | 2.09 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 2.0 | 9 | \$38.76 | 6.71 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

By: Brian M. Addison, Esquire, POA for

10/08/2008

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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