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* WISE BRET W				<u>D</u>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/  [ XRAY ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 704 GOOSE NECK DRIVE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2009								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  CHAIRMAN & C.E.O.						
(Street) LITITZ PA 17543				4. 1	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					
(City)	(S		(Zip)											Perso				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transacti Code (Ins	(Instr. 5)		ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 an	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)				
	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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		and	7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price o Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expira Date	ation	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Additional RSUs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$26.5	01/09/2009			A		102.26		(2)	(2	2)	Common Stock	102.26	\$26.5	54,302	.56	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:

Brian M. Addison, POA 01/12/2009

\*\* 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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