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 Person(s) to Issuer Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 29 WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST APARTMENT 5-C					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2009								below)	(give title		Other (s below)	
(Street)  NEW YORK NY 10011-9132  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Table	l - Non-Deriv	/ative	Sec	urities	s Acc	quired, Di	spos	sed of	f, or Ber	neficial	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	es Fe ally (D Following (I)	Form:	: Direct   I Indirect   E str. 4)   (	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
				Code V				Ar	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	Transacti (Instr. 3 a	ction(s)			(Instr. 4)	
		Та	ble II - Deriva (e.g., բ					ired, Dis options,					Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	rercise (Month/Day/Year) of vative	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		ı of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e and	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	/ (A) (I		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Additional RSU (Dividend) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$26.5	01/09/2009		A		3.41		(1)		(1)	Common Stock	3.41	\$26.5	1,807.1	12	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

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

## Remarks:

Brian M. Addison, POA for

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).
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