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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>COLEMAN MICHAEL J</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/</u> [(XRAY)]		ationship of Reporting Per (all applicable) Director Officer (give title	son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify
(Last) 742 GLENGARI	(First) RY DRIVE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/25/2003		below)	below)
(Street) MELBOURNE (City)	FL (State)	32940 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filin Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More tha	
			I rative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefic	ially C	Dwned	

2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			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)
		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transa Code (8)		5. Num of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. and 5)	tive ties red sed 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amount of		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock (4Q2003 Deferred Compensation)	\$44.08	12/25/2003		A		10.51		08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁾	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	10.51	\$44.08	10.51	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Value paid in stock upon retirement

Remarks:

By: Brian M. Addison, P.O.A. for

12/26/2003

** 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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