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# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|   | ·                |                                   | or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  |                       |   |   |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---|
| 1. Name and Addr<br><u>SMITH W I</u><br>(Last)<br>4506 MIDDLE | KEITH<br>(First) | g Person <sup>*</sup><br>(Middle) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/<br>[ XRAY ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/09/2009 |                       | ationship of Reporting Pe<br>k all applicable)<br>Director<br>Officer (give title<br>below) | erson(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner<br>Other (specify<br>below) |
| (Street)<br>ALLISON<br>PARK<br>(City)                         | PA<br>(State)    | 15101<br>(Zip)                    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Indi<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Fili<br>Form filed by One Re<br>Form filed by More th<br>Person       | porting Person  |

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any | 3.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |       | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | (D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|--------|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                 |  |        | Code                         | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |                                   | (1130.4)  |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of   |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|------|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |
| Additional<br>RSUs <sup>(1)</sup>                   | \$26.5  | 01/09/2009                                 |   | A                            |   | 3.41 |     | (2)  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock  | 3.41                                   | \$26.5  | 1,807.12   | 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).

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