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* <u>LUNGER FRANCIS J</u>				<u>D</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY]						<u>-/</u> (Ch	Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable) X Director			Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) EIGHT BASSWOOD LANE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2008							Officer below)	(give title		Other (s _i below)	pecify
(Street) ANDOVER MA 01810			4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	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)									Persor				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
Date			ransaction te onth/Day/Ye	Execution Date,		Code (Inst	ransaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ode (Instr. 5)			Beneficia Owned F	s Formally (D) (ollowing (I) (I	Form: [n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
						Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(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	n Date Execution if any (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code (Instr.		n of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Director's Deferred Comp - Phantom	\$26.83	12/17/2008		A		660.59		(2)	(1)	Common Stock	660.59	\$26.83	5,631.3	3	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Value paid in stock upon retirement
- 2. Not applicable to this transaction

Remarks:

Brian M. Addison, POA for

** Signature of Reporting Person

12/18/2008

<u>Francis Lunger</u>

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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