FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### 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 Ad SMITH W	<u>DE</u>	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/  (XRAY)							S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner								
(Last) (First) (Middle) 116 RIDING TRAIL LANE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/25/2003							Officer (g below)	ive title		Other (sp below)	ecify	
(Street) PITTSBURGH PA 15215  (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If .	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. Code (Instr. 8)				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 (Instr. 3 and	n(s) d 4)		("	11511. 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	Code (	Transaction Code (Instr.		ive ies ed ed nstr.	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. Numbo derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported Transact (Instr. 4)	re es ally g	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (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		215.53		08/08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/08/1988 <sup>(1)</sup>	Common Stock	215.53	\$44.08	215.5	53	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Value paid in stock upon retirement

### Remarks:

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

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

for

M. Addison, P.O.A. <u>12/26/2003</u>

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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