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* SCHEIHING BETTY JANE						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ (XRAY)								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) (Check all applicable) X Director			n(s) to Issue		
(Last) (First) (Middle)					(Matt)									Officer (g below)	ive title		Other (specification)	pecify	
2419 NE LAKEVIEW DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/25/2003													
(Street) SEBRING FL 33870			8870		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					
(City) (State) (Zip)																			
		Tab	le I - Non-	-Deriv	/ative	e Se	curities	Ac	quired,	Dis	posed of, o	or Bene	ficially (Owned					
Date				2. Transaction Date Month/Day/Year)		ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Of Code (Instr.		Acquired (A) or (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owner Following Reported		Form:	Direct I Indirect I tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code	٧	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transactio (Instr. 3 an						
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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		of Securitie		ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported Transact (Instr. 4)	re es ally g d tion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab	le	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Phantom Stock (4Q2003 Deferred Compensation)	\$44.08	12/25/2003			A		215.53		08/08/1988	3(1)	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁾	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

12/26/2003

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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