

DENTSPY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SIZE ROBERT J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DENTSPY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [XRAY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 30859 EDGEWATER DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/08/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

LEWES, DE 19958

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V				
Stock Option	\$ 25.91	12/08/2008	A	12,000		12/08/2009	12/08/2018	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 25.91	12/08/2008	A	12,000		12/08/2010	12/08/2018	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option	\$ 25.91	12/08/2008	A	12,000		12/08/2011	12/08/2018	Common Stock	12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIZE ROBERT J. 30859 EDGEWATER DRIVE LEWES, DE 19958			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

Brian M. Addison,
POA for
12/10/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person
Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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