

DENTSPY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**JELLISON WILLIAM R**

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)  
**221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET, WEST BUILDING/DENTSPY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/21/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) Sr. VP & C.F.O.  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

**YORK, PA 17405**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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. 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 Following 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)**

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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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 38.74	02/21/2012		A	38,400	02/21/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/21/2022	Common Stock 38,400
RSU (Restricted Stock Unit)	\$ 0	02/21/2012		A	8,937	02/21/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock 8,937
PRSU	\$ 0	02/21/2012		A	2,234	02/21/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock 2,234

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JELLISON WILLIAM R 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET WEST BUILDING/DENTSPLY YORK, PA 17405			Sr. VP & C.F.O.	

## Signatures

Deborah M. Rasin, POA for William R. Jellison  
 02/23/2012  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Shares vest in increments of 1/3 over a three year period.
- (2) Not applicable to this transaction.
- (3) Not applicable to this transaction.

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