

STERKENBURG ALBERT  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
STERKENBURG ALBERT

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Senior VP

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET, WEST BUILDING/DENSPLY  
  
(Street)

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

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)	8. Title	9. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 38.74	02/21/2012		A	24,100	02/21/2013 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/21/2022	Common Stock	24,100	
RSU (Restricted Stock Unit)	\$ 0	02/21/2012		A	5,622	02/21/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	5,622	
PRSU	\$ 0	02/21/2012		A	1,405	02/21/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	1,405	

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STERKENBURG ALBERT 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET WEST BUILDING/DENSPLY YORK, PA 17405			Senior VP	

### Signatures

Deborah M. Rasin, POA for Albert Sterkenburg  
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 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

02/23/2012  
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 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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