FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ALFANO MICHAEL C</u>                    |   |  |   |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [ XRAY ] |  |                      |     |  |  |                | <u>/</u> [   (Ch  | eck all applic  | able)<br>r  | erson(s) to Iss   | wner   |                                       |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|----------------------|-----|--|--|----------------|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 221 WEST PHILADELPHIA STREET SUITE 60W                      |   |  |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/08/2016                          |  |                      |     |  |  |                |   | Cli   | below)  | (give title   | Other (below)  |                                       |
| (Street) YORK PA 17405 (City) (State) (Zip)   |   |  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |  |                      |     |  |  | Line           | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |   |  |                                       |
| Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date) |   |  |   |  |  | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year)    Code   V   Amount   (A) or (D) |                      |     |  |  |                | d (A) or<br>r. 3, 4 and<br>Price  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |   | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)        |                                       |
|   |   | -  | Table II - D<br>(e                                      |  |  |  |                      |     | uired, Dis<br>, options,                                       |  |                |   |   | Owned   |   |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                 | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Ye | Co   | Code (Ins  |  |                      |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  |                | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securi<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | Co   | ode V  | ,  | (A)                  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  |  | piration<br>te | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   | (Instr. 4)  |  |                                       |
| RSU<br>(Restricted<br>Stock<br>Unit)  | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 01/08/2016                                 |   | I  | A  |  | 5.477 <sup>(2)</sup> |     | (3)  |  | (4)            | Common<br>Stock   | 5.477   | \$0   | 4,611.057   | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Shares convert to common stock on a 1:1 basis.
- 2. Dividend on existing vested or unvested Restricted Stock Unit (RSUs) awarded to Reporting Person, payable as additional units of Phantom Stock.
- ${\it 3. Dividends \ vest \ simultaneously \ with \ Restricted \ Stock \ Units \ to \ which \ they \ relate.}$
- 4. Not applicable to this transaction.

Justin H. McCarthy II, POA for 01/12/2016 Michael C. Alfano

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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