

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 16, 2005

FORM 8-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report May 11, 2005  
(Date of earliest event reported)

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC  
(Exact name of Company as specified in charter)

Delaware	0-16211	39-1434669
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

221 West Philadelphia Street, York, Pennsylvania	17405
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(717) 845-7511  
(Company's telephone number including area code)

Item 5.02. - Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of  
Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 5.02(c) related  
to the appointment of a new officer.

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On May 11, 2005, the Company appointed Mr. Gerald (Gary) K. Kunkle, Jr. to the position of Chairman of the Board. The announcement related to this appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference. The terms of Mr. Kunkle's employment agreement with the Company are hereby incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 of the Company's 1996 Form 10-K filed on March 27, 1997.

Item 9.01. - Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements - Not applicable.

(b) Exhibits:

99.1 The announcement related to the appointment of Mr. Gerald (Gary) K. Kunkle, Jr. to Chairman of the Board released on May 11, 2005 as referenced in Item 5.02.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC  
(Company)

/s/William R. Jellison  
William R. Jellison  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 16, 2005