GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Ro GALLAGHER J PAT		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
		GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO [AJG]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) ARTHUR J. GALLAG	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) President & CEO		
CO., TWO PIERCE P	PLACE		1105.00.00 65 626		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		

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_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(111301. 4)	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		M		12,000	A	\$ 9.25	161,578	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		S		12,000	D	\$ 26.4061	149,578	D	
Common Stock	06/12/2008		G	V	300	D	\$ 0	99,789	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	08/11/2008		J(2)		2,376	A	\$ 25.8597	176,426	I	by Trust
Common Stock								150,000	I	by Corporation

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Common Stock	96,490	I	by Trust 2
Common	7.600	D	
Stock	7,699	D	
(restricted)			

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 (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Secu Acqu or Di (D)		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	and 5		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25	08/12/2008		M		12,000	(3)	08/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5						(3)	06/20/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7						(3)	07/21/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76						<u>(4)</u>	03/05/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9						01/01/2004(3)	07/16/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5						(3)	07/19/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.03						(3)	05/15/2016	Common Stock

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.1	(3)	05/16/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25	(3)	07/20/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65	<u>(4)</u>	05/15/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42	<u>(3)</u>	07/21/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.28	01/01/2005(3)	03/31/2014	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GALLAGHER J PATRICK JR ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

J. Patrick
Gallagher, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting

Date

Person

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 held in revocable trust of which my spouse is sole Trustee and as to which I disclaim beneficial ownership.
- (2) Dividend reinvestment pursuant to the Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Deferred Equity Participation Plan.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.
- (4) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

Remarks:

The directly owned common stock holdings reflected in Table I of this form include shares purchased through Arthur J. Gallag Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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