GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HOWELL DOUGLAS K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Symbol

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

(Check all applicable)

[AJG]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

07/21/2005

VP & Chief Financial Officer

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ITASCA, IL 60143

(Instr. 3)

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative Conversion

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit

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7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

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Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/l	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25	07/21/2005		A	35,000	<u>(1)</u>	07/20/2015	Common Stock	35,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOWELL DOUGLAS K ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143

VP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

By: John C. Rosengren For: Douglas K. Howell 07/22/2005

**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) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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