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(Print or Type)	Responses)									
1. Name and A MCGURN	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/21/2005			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President				
			Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 				
							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tał	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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	Tab	le II - Deriv	vative Sec	curities Acc	uired. Dis	posed of. or	Beneficially Owne	d		

(*e.g.*, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amour
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securit

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities 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		А	30,000	(1)	07/20/2015	Common Stock	30,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MCGURN DAVID E JR ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Vice President			
Signatures						
By: John C. Rosengren For: David E McGurn, Jr.		07	//22/2005			
**Signature of Reporting 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) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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