

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO [AJG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE

(Street)

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2007

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP & Chief Financial Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (restricted)	05/15/2007		A	3,573	A	8,456	D	
Common Stock						24,618	D	
Common Stock						23,066	I	by Trust

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65	05/15/2007		A	11,375	(2)		05/15/2017		Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.58					(3)		03/02/2013		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.03					(3)		05/15/2016		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					(3)		07/20/2015		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42					(3)		07/21/2014		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.28					(3)		01/01/2005(3)	03/31/2014	Common Stock

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

05/17/2007

__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) Restricted stock award vesting in four years.
 - (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.
 - (3) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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