

EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
HOFFMANN RICHARD W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC [EMCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
PO BOX 712
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Pres. & General Counsel

DES MOINES, IA 50303
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 | | | |
| EMC Insurance Group Inc. Common Stock | | | | | 1,843 | D | |
| EMC Insurance Group Inc. Common Stock | | | | | 90 | I | Spouse as custodian for son under U.T.M.A Iowa |

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.35 | 03/01/2005 | | A | 4,500 | 03/01/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 03/01/2015 | Common Stock | 4,500 |
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.28 | | | | | 02/06/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 02/06/2014 | Common Stock | 500 |
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.875 | | | | | 02/07/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 02/07/2013 | Common Stock | 500 |
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.3 | | | | | 02/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2012 | Common Stock | 500 |
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 9.25 | | | | | 08/01/2001 ⁽¹⁾ 08/01/2010 | Common Stock | 3,257 |
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.6875 | | | | | 02/01/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2009 | Common Stock | 400 |
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 13.6875 | | | | | 02/01/1999 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2008 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| ISO (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.25 | | | | | 02/01/1998 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2007 | Common Stock | 1,000 |
| | \$ 13.25 | | | | | 02/01/1997 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2006 | | 1,500 |

ISO
(Right to
Buy)

Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOFFMANN RICHARD W PO BOX 712 DES MOINES, IA 50303 | | | Vice Pres. & General Counsel | |

Signatures

Richard W.
Hoffmann

03/02/2005

__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) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning one year after date of grant.
- (2) Aggregate total of options to buy: 5,500 options under the 2003 ISO Plan and 7,657 options under the 1993 ISO Plan for a total of 13,157.

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