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1. Name and A GALLAGH		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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2005			X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO				
ITASCA, IL	(Street) 2 60143		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(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)	Tab	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ed Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securit: nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	es (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	
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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	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/Ye	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)	\$ 27.1	05/17/2005		А	18,450	(1)	05/16/2015	Common Stock	18,4

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	Х		President & CEO				
Signatures							
By: John C. Rosengren For: J. Patric Gallagher, Jr.	k	(05/19/2005				
**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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