

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**KIRBY F M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

17 DEHART STREET, P.O. BOX 151

(Street)

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07963

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/11/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chairman of the Board

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/10/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	551 D \$ 272.4694	111,997 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	See Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	05/11/2005		J <sup>(4)</sup>	1,653 D <sup>(4)</sup>	110,344	I	See Footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock					210,465 <sup>(5)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					496,494 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	Held by trusts of which undersigned is co-trustee



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- (2) Adjusted to reflect receipt of shares paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2005 prior to the sale of stock dividend shares as described in Note 1 above.
- (3) Held by undersigned as sole trustee for trusts for the benefit of his children; the undersigned disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.
- (4) Distribution of stock dividend to beneficiaries.
- (5) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2005.

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