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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 13F

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Report for the Calendar Year or Quarter Ended: December 31, 2008

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Institutional Investment Manager Filing this Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Alleghany Corporation  
Address: 7 Times Square Tower, 17th Floor  
New York, NY 10036

Form 13F File Number: 28-1590

The institutional investment manager filing this report and the person by whom it is signed hereby represent that the person signing the report is authorized to submit it, that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete, and that it is understood that all required items, statements, schedules, lists, and tables, are considered integral parts of this form.

Person Signing this Report on Behalf of Reporting Manager:

Name: Peter R. Sismondo  
Title: Vice President  
Phone: 212-752-1356

Signature, Place, and Date of Signing:

|                       |               |                  |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| /s/ Peter R. Sismondo | New York, NY  | February 6, 2009 |
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| [Signature]           | [City, State] | [Date]           |

Report Type (Check only one):

- 13F HOLDINGS REPORT. (Check here if all holdings of this reporting manager are reported in this report.)
- 13F NOTICE. (Check here if no holdings reported are in this report, and all holdings are reported by other reporting manager(s).)
- 13F COMBINATION REPORT. (Check here if a portion of the holdings for this reporting manager are reported in this report and a portion are reported by other reporting manager(s).)

Form 13F SUMMARY PAGE

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Report Summary:

Number of Other Included Managers: 2  
 Form 13F Information Table Entry Total: 76  
 Form 13F Information Table Value Total: \$628,072  
 (thousands)

List of Other Included Managers:

| No. | Form 13F File Number | Name                             |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2   |                      | RSUI Indemnity Company           |
| 3   |                      | Alleghany Insurance Holdings LLC |

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| COLUMN 1                     | COLUMN 2       | COLUMN 3  | COLUMN 4                    | COLUMN 5            |                     |                          | COLUMN 6    |             |  |
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| NAME OF ISSUER               | TITLE OF CLASS | CUSIP     | MARKET<br>VALUE<br>(X 1000) | SHRS OR<br>PRIN AMT | SH/<br>PUT/<br>CALL | INVESTMENT<br>DISCRETION |             |             |  |
|                              |                |           |                             |                     |                     | SOLE<br>(A)              | SHRD<br>(B) | OTHE<br>(C) |  |
| NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD        | SHS            | G6359F103 | 5,027                       | 420,000             | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD        | SHS            | G6359F103 | 659                         | 55,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LT | COM            | G95089101 | 1,643                       | 151,840             | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LT | COM            | G95089101 | 1,947                       | 180,000             | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| AT&T INC                     | COM            | 00206R102 | 1,140                       | 40,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES INC     | COM            | 00846U101 | 469                         | 30,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| ALEXANDER & BALDWIN INC      | COM            | 014482103 | 501                         | 20,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| AMERICAN EXPRESS CO          | COM            | 025816109 | 649                         | 35,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| ANADARKO PETE CORP           | COM            | 032511107 | 11,854                      | 307,500             | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| ANADARKO PETE CORP           | COM            | 032511107 | 3,566                       | 92,500              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| APACHE CORP                  | COM            | 037411105 | 8,869                       | 119,000             | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| APACHE CORP                  | COM            | 037411105 | 3,466                       | 46,500              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| APPLIED MATLS INC            | COM            | 038222105 | 507                         | 50,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| AUTODESK INC                 | COM            | 052769106 | 590                         | 30,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING IN | COM            | 053015103 | 787                         | 20,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| BAKER HUGHES INC             | COM            | 057224107 | 2,726                       | 85,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| BAKER HUGHES INC             | COM            | 057224107 | 1,764                       | 55,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL   | CL B           | 084670207 | 1,286                       | 400                 | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| BOEING CO                    | COM            | 097023105 | 640                         | 15,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| BURLINGTON NORTHN SANTA FE C | COM            | 12189T104 | 227,130                     | 3,000,000           | SH                  | X                        |             |             |  |
| CAMECO CORP                  | COM            | 13321L108 | 1,345                       | 78,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| CAMECO CORP                  | COM            | 13321L108 | 811                         | 47,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| CATERPILLAR INC DEL          | COM            | 149123101 | 670                         | 15,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP       | COM            | 165167101 | 808                         | 50,000              | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP       | COM            | 165167101 | 2,830                       | 175,000             | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |
| CHEVRON CORP NEW             | COM            | 166764100 | 14,794                      | 200,000             | SH                  |                          |             | X           |  |

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| CHEVRON CORP NEW                            | COM        | 166764100 | 3,699  | 50,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO N V NY REGISTRY SH |            | 167250109 | 4,823  | 480,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO N V NY REGISTRY SH |            | 167250109 | 1,910  | 190,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| CHUBB CORP                                  | COM        | 171232101 | 1,530  | 30,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| COCA COLA CO                                | COM        | 191216100 | 1,132  | 25,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| CONOCOPHILLIPS                              | COM        | 20825C104 | 16,576 | 320,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| CONOCOPHILLIPS                              | COM        | 20825C104 | 20,979 | 405,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| COSTCO WHSL CORP NEW                        | COM        | 22160K105 | 1,575  | 30,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| DEERE & CO                                  | COM        | 244199105 | 1,150  | 30,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| DEVON ENERGY CORP NEW                       | COM        | 25179M103 | 26,447 | 402,500   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| DEVON ENERGY CORP NEW                       | COM        | 25179M103 | 18,070 | 275,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| DOW CHEM CO                                 | COM        | 260543103 | 3,169  | 210,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| DOW CHEM CO                                 | COM        | 260543103 | 1,358  | 90,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| DISNEY WALT CO                              | COM DISNEY | 254687106 | 1,021  | 45,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| DU PONT EI DE NEMOURS & CO                  | COM        | 263534109 | 886    | 35,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| EOG RES INC                                 | COM        | 26875P101 | 4,195  | 63,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| EOG RES INC                                 | COM        | 26875P101 | 7,124  | 107,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| EMERSON ELEC CO                             | COM        | 291011104 | 915    | 25,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| EXXON MOBIL CORP                            | COM        | 30231G102 | 2,395  | 30,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| FPL GROUP INC                               | COM        | 302571104 | 9,512  | 189,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| FPL GROUP INC                               | COM        | 302571104 | 3,825  | 76,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| FEDEX CORP                                  | COM        | 31428X106 | 962    | 15,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| GENERAL ELECTRIC CO                         | COM        | 369604103 | 1,215  | 75,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| GLOBAL INDS LTD                             | COM        | 379336100 | 13,471 | 3,860,000 | SH |  |  |  | X |
| GLOBAL INDS LTD                             | COM        | 379336100 | 5,985  | 1,715,000 | SH |  |  |  | X |
| HELMERICH & PAYNE INC                       | COM        | 423452101 | 2,184  | 96,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| HELMERICH & PAYNE INC                       | COM        | 423452101 | 319    | 14,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| HOME DEPOT INC                              | COM        | 437076102 | 460    | 20,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| INTEL CORP                                  | COM        | 458140100 | 1,026  | 70,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHS                | COM        | 459200101 | 1,010  | 12,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| INTUIT                                      | COM        | 461202103 | 476    | 20,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| JOHNSON AND JOHNSON                         | COM        | 478160104 | 1,197  | 20,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| KELLOGG CO                                  | COM        | 487836108 | 877    | 20,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| KEY ENERGY SVCS INC                         | COM        | 492914106 | 2,183  | 495,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| KEY ENERGY SVCS INC                         | COM        | 492914106 | 904    | 205,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |
| LAUDER ESTEE COS INC                        | CL A       | 518439104 | 774    | 25,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| LILLY ELI & CO                              | COM        | 532457108 | 1,812  | 45,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| MARRIOTT INTL INC NEW                       | CL A       | 571903202 | 681    | 35,000    | SH |  |  |  | X |
| MCDERMOTT INTL INC                          | COM        | 580037109 | 1,680  | 170,000   | SH |  |  |  | X |

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|                    |                |           |                             |                     |                         |             | SHRD<br>(B)              | OTHER<br>(C) |   |
| MCDERMOTT INTL INC | COM            | 580037109 | 938                         | 95,000              | SH                      |             |                          |              | X |
| MEDTRONIC INC      | COM            | 585055106 | 1,100                       | 35,000              | SH                      |             |                          |              | X |

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| MICROSOFT CORP               | COM           | 594918104 | 1,652   | 85,000     | SH |  | X |
| NEWS CORP                    | CL A          | 65248E104 | 636     | 70,000     | SH |  | X |
| NOBLE ENERGY INC             | COM           | 655044105 | 1,477   | 30,000     | SH |  | X |
| NORDSTROM INC                | COM           | 655664100 | 399     | 30,000     | SH |  | X |
| NOVARTIS AG                  | SPONSORED ADR | 66987V109 | 1,244   | 25,000     | SH |  | X |
| NUSTAR ENERGY LP             | UNIT COM      | 67058H102 | 5,523   | 134,500    | SH |  | X |
| NUSTAR ENERGY LP             | UNIT COM      | 67058H102 | 2,689   | 65,500     | SH |  | X |
| OCCIDENTAL PETE CORP DEL     | COM           | 674599105 | 59,990  | 1,000,000  | SH |  | X |
| OLD REP INTL CORP            | COM           | 680223104 | 19,668  | 1,650,000  | SH |  | X |
| PATTERSON-UTI ENERGY INC     | COM           | 703481101 | 2,451   | 213,000    | SH |  | X |
| PATTERSON-UTI ENERGY INC     | COM           | 703481101 | 311     | 27,000     | SH |  | X |
| PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA PETRO | SPONSORED ADR | 71654V408 | 4,372   | 178,500    | SH |  | X |
| PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA PETRO | SPONSORED ADR | 71654V408 | 1,751   | 71,500     | SH |  | X |
| PLAINS EXPL& PRODTN CO       | COM           | 726505100 | 7,251   | 312,000    | SH |  | X |
| PLAINS EXPL& PRODTN CO       | COM           | 726505100 | 2,742   | 118,000    | SH |  | X |
| PROCTER & GAMBLE CO          | COM           | 742718109 | 1,855   | 30,000     | SH |  | X |
| SCHLUMBERGER LTD             | COM           | 806857108 | 1,058   | 25,000     | SH |  | X |
| SIEMENS A G                  | SPONSORED ADR | 826197501 | 947     | 12,500     | SH |  | X |
| SIGMA ALDRICH CORP           | COM           | 826552101 | 845     | 20,000     | SH |  | X |
| SONY CORP                    | ADR NEW       | 835699307 | 547     | 25,000     | SH |  | X |
| STATE STR CORP               | COM           | 857477103 | 590     | 15,000     | SH |  | X |
| STATOILHYDRO ASA             | SPONSORED ADR | 85771P102 | 2,041   | 122,500    | SH |  | X |
| STATOILHYDRO ASA             | SPONSORED ADR | 85771P102 | 708     | 42,500     | SH |  | X |
| SYSCO CORP                   | COM           | 871829107 | 688     | 30,000     | SH |  | X |
| 3M CO                        | COM           | 88579Y101 | 1,266   | 22,000     | SH |  | X |
| TRICO MARINE SERVICES INC    | COM NEW       | 896106200 | 3,867   | 865,000    | SH |  | X |
| TRICO MARINE SERVICES INC    | COM NEW       | 896106200 | 1,609   | 360,000    | SH |  | X |
| VALERO ENERGY CORP NEW       | COM           | 91913Y100 | 3,679   | 170,000    | SH |  | X |
| WAL MART STORES INC          | COM           | 931142103 | 2,242   | 40,000     | SH |  | X |
| WASHINGTON POST CO           | CL B          | 939640108 | 585     | 1,500      | SH |  | X |
| WELLS FARGO & CO NEW         | COM           | 949746101 | 590     | 20,000     | SH |  | X |
| WYETH                        | COM           | 983024100 | 7,127   | 190,000    | SH |  | X |
| WYETH                        | COM           | 983024100 | 3,188   | 85,000     | SH |  | X |
| XTO ENERGY INC               | COM           | 98385X106 | 6,984   | 198,000    | SH |  | X |
| XTO ENERGY INC               | COM           | 98385X106 | 7,477   | 212,000    | SH |  | X |
| GRAND TOTAL                  |               |           | 628,072 | 21,963,240 |    |  |   |