

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
 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 \*  
 GALLAGHER ROBERT E

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/01/2005

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

ITASCA, IL 60143  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/01/2005                           |  | F <sup>(1)</sup>               | D   | \$ 28.8   | 724,469  | D   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 400,000   | I  | by Trust <u>(2)</u>                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 300,000   | I  | by Trust <u>(3)</u>                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 276,048   | I  | by Trust <u>(4)</u>                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 400,000   | I  | by Trust <u>(5)</u>                                   |

|                              |         |   |                          |
|------------------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock                 | 500,000 | I | by Trust 5<br><u>(6)</u> |
| Common Stock<br>(restricted) | 8,333   | D |                          |

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu... Deriv... Secur... Bene... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
| GALLAGHER ROBERT E<br>ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.<br>TWO PIERCE PLACE<br>ITASCA, IL 60143 | X             |           | Chairman |       |

## Signatures

By: John C. Rosengren For: Robert E. Gallagher  
Date: 04/04/2005

\*\*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).

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- (1) Shares withheld to cover applicable taxes on restricted stock distribution.
- (2) Held in irrevocable trust by three trustees for the benefit of spouse.
- (3) Held in trust for benefit of grandchildren.
- (4) Held in trust for benefit of daughter.
- (5) Held in irrevocable charitable trust.

- Securities are held of record by Flagship Limited Partnership, an Illinois limited partnership ("Flagship"). The reporting person is the
- (6) general partner of Flagship and, as such, may be deemed to be beneficial owner of such shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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