

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
JOHNSON THOMAS S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/07/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				Code	V Amount Price			
Common Stock	04/07/2011		M		1,219 A \$ 164.972	4,490	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2011		M		1,195 A \$ 156.5402	5,685	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2011		S		100 D \$ 336.15	5,585	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2011		S		1,970 D \$ 336	3,615	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2011		S		30 D \$ 335.53	3,585	D	

Common Stock	04/07/2011	S	200	D	\$ 335.45	3,385	D
Common Stock	04/07/2011	S	114	D	\$ 335.15	3,271	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 164.972	04/07/2011		M	1,219	⁽¹⁾ 04/29/2011	Common Stock	1,219
Option (right to buy)	\$ 156.5402	04/07/2011		M	1,195	⁽¹⁾ 04/28/2012	Common Stock	1,195

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON THOMAS S C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple, Attorney-in-Fact	04/08/2011
**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) One-third of such option became exercisable on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The option was granted for no cash consideration.

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