

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
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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 \*  
**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**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/10/2005**

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

(Street)  
**ITASCA, IL 60143**

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock (restricted)	03/10/2005		A	8,333	A	16,073	D	
Common Stock						719,534	D	
Common Stock						400,000	I	by Trust <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						300,000	I	by Trust <sup>2</sup> <sub>(3)</sub>
						276,048	I	

Common Stock				by Trust 3 <u>(4)</u>
Common Stock	400,000	I		by Trust 4 <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock	500,000	I		by Trust 5 <u>(6)</u>

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 Repor Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

By: John C. Rosengren For: Robert E. Gallagher

03/14/2005

\_\_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) Restricted stock award vesting in one year.
- (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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