

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
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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 *
 GAULT JAMES S

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)
 02/15/2006

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

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/15/2006		M	3,000 A \$ 7.97	31,549	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2006		M	4,000 A \$ 9.25	35,549	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S	7,000 D \$ 29.274	28,549	D	
Common Stock					28,000	I	by Spouse (1)
Common Stock					47,393	I	by Trust

Common
Stock
(restricted)

9,763 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.97	02/15/2006		M	3,000	(2) 07/17/2006		Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25	02/15/2006		M	4,000	(2) 08/30/2008		Common Stock	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					(2) 06/20/2010		Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					(2) 07/21/2012		Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004(2) 07/16/2013		Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					(2) 07/19/2011		Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					(2) 07/20/2015		Common Stock	3
	\$ 29.42					(2) 07/21/2014			3

Non-Qualified
Stock Option
(right to buy)

Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GAULT JAMES S ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Vice President	

Signatures

By: John C. Rosengren For: James S.
Gault 02/16/2006

__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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4). This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of such securities.
 - (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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