

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
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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 *
 ROSENGREN JOHN C

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)
 05/16/2006

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

ITASCA, IL 60143

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

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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	05/17/2006		M	3,200 A \$ 7.97	27,563	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2006		S	3,200 D \$ 27.0369	24,363	D	
Common Stock					10,953	I	by Trust
Common Stock (restricted)					3,889	D	

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.97	05/17/2006		M	3,200	(1) 07/18/2006		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.03	05/16/2006		A	3,237	(1) 05/15/2016		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25					(1) 08/31/2008		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					(1) 06/21/2010		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					(1) 07/22/2012		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004(1) 07/16/2013		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					(1) 07/20/2011		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					(1) 07/20/2015		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42					(1) 07/21/2014		Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROSENGREN JOHN C ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

Signatures

John C.
Rosengren
05/17/2006

**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 stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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