

EPPINGER FREDERICK H
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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 *
 EPPINGER FREDERICK H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN ST
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/14/2013

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

WORCESTER, MA 01653

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	05/14/2013		M ⁽¹⁾	69,700	A	\$ 23.58	206,152 D
Common Stock	05/14/2013		F ⁽¹⁾	49,901	D	\$ 51.04	156,251 D ⁽²⁾

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.58	05/14/2013		M ⁽¹⁾	69,700	⁽³⁾ 08/28/2013	Common Stock	69,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EPPINGER FREDERICK H THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN ST WORCESTER, MA 01653	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Walter H. Stowell pursuant to Confirming Statement
Date: 05/15/2013

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).

Mr. Eppinger "net exercised" 69,700 options. The options were granted to Mr. Eppinger in 2003 when he joined the Company, and were

(1) scheduled to expire in August 2013. A total of 49,901 shares were withheld by the Company to satisfy the exercise price and taxes associated with the exercise, resulting in a net issuance of 19,799 shares to, and held by, Mr. Eppinger.

(2) Does not include 160,362 shares held indirectly in a Rabbi Trust pursuant to deferral agreements.

(3) 25% of the options vested on 8/28/04, 25% of the options vested on 8/28/05 and the remaining 50% of the options vested on 8/28/06.

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