Desrochers Mark R Form 4 January 24, 2012

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Desrochers Mark R

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

below)

Senior Vice President

C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE 01/20/2012 GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN

(Street)

STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WORCESTER, MA 01653

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

12,098

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

2,250

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Amount

A

D

Common Stock

Stock

Common

01/20/2012

01/20/2012

 $A^{(2)}$ 

 $A^{(1)}$ 

1.500 Α \$0

\$0

13.598

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ecurities (Month/Day/ ccquired (A) r Disposed of D) instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.81	01/20/2012		A	10,000	<u>(3)</u>	01/20/2022	Common Stock	10,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>,</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Desrochers Mark R C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN STREET WORCESTER, MA 01653			Senior Vice President			

## **Signatures**

walter H. Stowell pursuant to Confirming
Statement
01/24/2012

\*\*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) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The restricted shares vest on the second anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) Grant of restricted stock units pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units vest 50% on the third anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Option vests 50% on the third anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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