CNA SURETY CORP

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* HINKLE DOUGLAS W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

CNA SURETY CORP [SUR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title

1990 CARRIAGE HILL RD

(Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2008

Other (specify below) Chief Underwriting Officer

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

below)

**LISLE, IL 60532** 

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Reported

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

(Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

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

(A)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares **CNA** Surety Common 02/08/2009 02/08/2018 Common \$ 16.35 02/08/2008 A 5,500 5,500 Stock Stock Option

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HINKLE DOUGLAS W 1990 CARRIAGE HILL RD LISLE, IL 60532

Chief Underwriting Officer

# **Signatures**

Enid Tanenhaus - POA 02/12/2008

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

#### **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 options become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on February 8, 2009.

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