DOUGHERTY MICHAEL A

Form 4

February 10, 2009

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 * DOUGHERTY MICHAEL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

1213 NOTRE DAME DRIVE

CNA SURETY CORP [SUR]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

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

10% Owner Other (specify

02/10/2009

X_ Officer (give title below)

below)

SVP & CIO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

LEMONT, IL 60439

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

TransactionAcquired (A) or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

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

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

Code

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

Owned

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of

Underlying Securities

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
CNA Surety Common Stock Option (2)	\$ 18.85	02/06/2009		A		4,000		02/06/2010	02/06/2019	Common Stock	4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DOUGHERTY MICHAEL A								
1213 NOTRE DAME DRIVE			SVP & CIO					
LEMONT, IL 60439								

Signatures

Rosemary Quinn

- POA 02/10/2009

**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 options become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on February 6, 2010.
- (2) The options become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on February 6, 2010

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