

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
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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 *
 Bay Walter D.

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)
 05/13/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND

ITASCA, IL 60143

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock						826	D	
Common Stock (restricted)						16,061	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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.09	05/13/2008		A	15,000	(1) 05/13/2018	Common Stock	15,000
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.25					(2) 08/16/2017	Common Stock	17,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76					(2) 03/05/2018	Common Stock	3,100
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.25					(2) 08/16/2017	Common Stock	13,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bay Walter D. ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND	

Signatures

Walter D. Bay 05/15/2008
 **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 stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.
- (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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