

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 *
 GORDON ILENE S

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)
 ITASCA, IL 60143
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2006

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) | Amount | Price | | | |
| Common Stock (restricted) | 05/16/2006 | | A | 4,000 | A | 4,000 | | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 4,000 | | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.11 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 05/21/2011 | Common Stock 1,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.79 | | | | | 08/21/2003 <u>(2)</u> 05/20/2013 | Common Stock 1,500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.38 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 05/15/2010 | Common Stock 2,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.58 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 05/17/2014 | Common Stock 1,500 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.86 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 05/13/2012 | Common Stock 1,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.36 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 07/06/2009 | Common Stock 7,920 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.5 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 06/20/2010 | Common Stock 24,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.79 | | | | | 05/21/2004 <u>(3)</u> 05/20/2013 | Common Stock 25,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 26.11 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 05/21/2011 | Common Stock 25,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 27.1 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 05/16/2015 | Common Stock 25,000 |

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|---|----------|-----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 30.58 | (3) | 05/17/2014 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 35.86 | (3) | 05/13/2012 | Common Stock | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GORDON ILENE S ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: John C. Rosengren For: Ilene S.
Gordon

05/17/2006

**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) Restricted stock award vesting in equal parts over three year period.
- (2) The stock option becomes exercisable in four equal quarterly installments, commencing three months after the date of grant. Option expires upon death or retirement of director.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing one year after the date of grant.

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