

NIKOLAUS DONALD H
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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 *
NIKOLAUS DONALD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DONEGAL GROUP INC [DGICA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1520 QUARRY ROAD, PO BOX 286

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2005

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

(Street)
SILVER SPRING, PA 17575

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 12/21/2005 | | G | | 12,089 | D | \$ 22.94 145,329.101 |
| Class A Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | 12/21/2005 | | G | | 12,089 | A | \$ 22.94 66,930 |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/21/2005 | | C | | 75,000 | A | \$ 10.5 220,329.101 |
| Class A Common | 12/21/2005 | | S | | 75,000 | D | \$ 23.27 145,329.101 |

Stock

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock Options | \$ 10.5 | 12/21/2005 | | C | 75,000 | 01/01/2002 07/19/2006 | Class A Common Stock | 75,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NIKOLAUS DONALD H 1520 QUARRY ROAD PO BOX 286 SILVER SPRING, PA 17575 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

Donald H. Nikolaus 12/23/2005

**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) Gift to Nikolaus Family Foundation

(2) Gift Received by Nikolaus Family Foundation

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