

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**GALLAGHER J PATRICK JR**

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)  
**08/11/2008**

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

**ITASCA, IL 60143**

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/12/2008		M		12,000	A	\$ 9.25	161,578	D	
Common Stock	08/12/2008		S		12,000	D	\$ 26.4061	149,578	D	
Common Stock	06/12/2008		G	V	300	D	\$ 0	99,789	I	by Spouse (1)
Common Stock	08/11/2008		J(2)		2,376	A	\$ 25.8597	176,426	I	by Trust
Common Stock								150,000	I	by Corporation

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Common Stock	96,490	I	by Trust 2
Common Stock (restricted)	7,699	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25	08/12/2008		M	12,000	(3) 08/30/2008		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					(3) 06/20/2010		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					(3) 07/21/2012		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76					(4) 03/05/2018		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004(3) 07/16/2013		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					(3) 07/19/2011		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.03					(3) 05/15/2016		Common Stock

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.1		<u>(3)</u>	05/16/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25		<u>(3)</u>	07/20/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65		<u>(4)</u>	05/15/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42		<u>(3)</u>	07/21/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.28		01/01/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/31/2014	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALLAGHER J PATRICK JR ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

J. Patrick  
Gallagher, Jr. 08/13/2008

    \*\*Signature of Reporting                                  Date  
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) Shares held in revocable trust of which my spouse is sole Trustee and as to which I disclaim beneficial ownership.
- (2) Dividend reinvestment pursuant to the Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Deferred Equity Participation Plan.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.
- (4) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

### Remarks:

The directly owned common stock holdings reflected in Table I of this form include shares purchased through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

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