

HART ROBERT M  
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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 \*  
HART ROBERT M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7  
TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH  
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

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

08/18/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP-Law and Sec.

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V Amount (D) Price |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/18/2010                           |  | S                              | 276   | D \$ 300           | 14,042 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/18/2010                           |  | S                              | 445   | D \$ 299.5         | 13,597  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/18/2010                           |  | S                              | 62  | D \$ 299.3601      | 13,535  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/18/2010                           |  | S                              | 382   | D \$ 299.36        | 13,153  | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/18/2010                           |  | S                              | 890   | D \$ 299           | 12,263  | D  |                                   |

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|              |            |   |       |   |             |                      |   |          |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|-------------|----------------------|---|----------|
| Common Stock | 08/18/2010 | S | 445   | D | \$ 297.75   | 11,818               | D |          |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2010 | S | 344   | D | \$ 300      | 3,817 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2010 | S | 555   | D | \$ 299.5    | 3,262                | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2010 | S | 78    | D | \$ 299.3601 | 3,184                | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2010 | S | 478   | D | \$ 299.36   | 2,706                | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2010 | S | 1,110 | D | \$ 299      | 1,596                | I | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2010 | S | 555   | D | \$ 299.75   | 1,041                | I | By Trust |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                         |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V (A) (D)   |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| HART ROBERT M<br>ALLEGHANY CORPORATION<br>7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR |               |           | SVP-Law and Sec. |       |

NEW YORK, NY 10036

## Signatures

Robert M. Hart

08/19/2010

\_\_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) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend on April 23, 2010 to stockholders of record on April 1, 2010.

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