

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 \*  
 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)

ITASCA, IL 60143

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/31/2008

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

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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**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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/31/2008		F <sup>(1)</sup>	2,091 D \$ 23.62	148,373	D	
Common Stock					150,000	I	by Corporation
Common Stock					100,089	I	by Spouse
Common Stock					174,050	I	by Trust
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 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)	\$ 9.25					(2)	08/30/2008	Common Stock	12,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					(2)	06/20/2010	Common Stock	27,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					(2)	07/21/2012	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76					(3)	03/05/2018	Common Stock	17,700
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004(2)	07/16/2013	Common Stock	50,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					(2)	07/19/2011	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.03					(2)	05/15/2016	Common Stock	25,800

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.1	(2)	05/16/2015	Common Stock	18,4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25	(2)	07/20/2015	Common Stock	50,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65	(3)	05/15/2017	Common Stock	16,6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42	(2)	07/21/2014	Common Stock	50,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.28	01/01/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/31/2014	Common Stock	15,0

## 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.                      04/02/2008

         \*\*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 withheld to cover applicable taxes on restricted stock distribution.
- (2) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.
- (3) The stock option becomes exercisable 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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