

Kirby Jefferson
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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 *
Kirby Jefferson

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)
05/01/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 05/01/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 551 A | 60,673 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2008 | | J ⁽²⁾ | 441 A | 61,114 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2008 | | J ⁽³⁾ | 441 D | 153,774 | I | Held by trusts of which reporting person is co-trustee and |

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| Common Stock | 1,020 | I | beneficiary Held by limited partnership in which reporting person has a pecuniary interest |
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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 |
| Kirby Jefferson C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X |

Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,
Attorney-in-Fact 05/05/2008

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) Receipt by the reporting person of shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2008 upon the distribution of such stock dividend shares by a trust of which the reporting person is a beneficiary.
- (2) Receipt by the reporting person of shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2008 upon the distribution of such stock dividend shares held indirectly by such reporting person through trust of which the reporting person is co-trustee and beneficiary.
- (3) Distribution to reporting person of shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2008 by trust of which the reporting person is co-trustee and beneficiary.

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