

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WIMMER JAMES R**

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)  
**05/04/2012**

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

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                      |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                      |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Common Stock                         | 05/04/2012                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 25,000   | 47,985   | D   |
| Common Stock                         | 05/07/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 36.57  | 22,985   | D   |
| Common Stock (restricted) <u>(3)</u> | 05/08/2012                           |  | A                              | A   | \$ 0  | 5,000  | D   |
| Common                               |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 3,000  | I By  |

Stock

Spouse

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 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 35.86   | 05/04/2012                           |  | M                   | 25,000  | <sup>(1)</sup> 05/13/2012                                | Common Stock 25,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WIMMER JAMES R<br>ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.<br>TWO PIERCE PLACE<br>ITASCA, IL 60143 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ April Hanes-Dowd, by power of attorney 05/08/2012

\_\_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) The stock option becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing one year after the date of grant.

The price reported is an average weighted price. The shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$36.34 to \$36.65.

(2) The reporting person will provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or any security holder of the issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(3) Restricted stock unit award vesting one year after the date of grant.

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