

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DURKIN JAMES W 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)  
 Vice President

**ITASCA, IL 60143**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/11/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,303 A \$ 25.91  | 54,469  | I  | by Trust  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 248,630   | D  |   |
| Common Stock (restricted)       |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,349   | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable<br>Expiration Date                      | Title<br>Amount or Number of Shares                         |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 9.25  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 08/30/2008                                    | Common Stock 40,000   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 18.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 06/20/2010                                    | Common Stock 30,000   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 22.7  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 07/21/2012                                    | Common Stock 20,000   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 23.76   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u> 03/05/2018                                    | Common Stock 6,350  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 24.9  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/01/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/16/2013                     | Common Stock 20,000   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 26.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 07/19/2011                                    | Common Stock 20,000   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 27.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 07/20/2015                                    | Common Stock 30,000   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 28.65   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u> 05/15/2017                                    | Common Stock 5,950  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 29.42   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 07/21/2014                                    | Common Stock 30,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| DURKIN JAMES W JR<br>ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.<br>TWO PIERCE PLACE<br>ITASCA, IL 60143 |               |           | Vice President |       |

## Signatures

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| James W.<br>Durkin, Jr.            | 08/13/2008 |
| **Signature of<br>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) Dividend reinvestment pursuant to the Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Deferred Equity Participation Plan.
- (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.

### Remarks:

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

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