HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HECKMAN PETER H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

HORACE MANN EDUCATORS CORP /DE/ [HMN]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

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

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

1 HORACE MANN PLAZA

09/28/2007

EVP & Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date

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Phantom

Stock \$ 0 (1) 09/28/2007 Α 167.95 Units

Common 08/08/1988(2) 08/08/1988(2)

Stock

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HECKMAN PETER H 1 HORACE MANN PLAZA SPRINGFIELD, IL 62715

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Rhonda R. Armstead, Attorney in Fact for Peter H. Heckman

10/02/2007

**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) One-for-one.

The phantom stock units are estimated based on the market price of Horace Mann Educators Corporation Common Stock and are

(2) acquired under the Horace Mann Educators Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for employees which are to be settled 100% in cash on the earlier of the reporting person's retirement date, termination date or a date certain.

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