

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
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FORM 4

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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)
08/15/2008

____ 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)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/15/2008		M	40,000 A \$ 9.25	288,630	D	
Common Stock	08/15/2008		S	40,000 D \$ 26.0785	248,630	D	
Common Stock					54,469	I	by Trust
Common Stock (restricted)					7,349	D	

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25	08/15/2008		M	40,000	<u>(1)</u>	08/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					<u>(1)</u>	06/20/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					<u>(1)</u>	07/21/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.76					<u>(2)</u>	03/05/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004 ⁽¹⁾	07/16/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					<u>(1)</u>	07/19/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					<u>(1)</u>	07/20/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.65					<u>(2)</u>	05/15/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42					<u>(1)</u>	07/21/2014	Common Stock

