

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE  
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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 \*  
BURNS JOHN J JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7  
TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH  
FLOOR

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

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	05/28/2008		G		189	D	\$ 77,691	D
Common Stock	07/17/2008		G		50	D	\$ 77,641	D
Common Stock	08/15/2008		G		100	D	\$ 77,541	D
Common Stock	04/08/2008		S		95	D	\$ 355	I

By  
Superior  
Bulk  
Logistics

Common Stock	04/09/2008	S	1,100	D	\$ 355	4,107	I	By Superior Bulk Logistics
Common Stock	04/10/2008	S	300	D	\$ 355	3,807	I	By Superior Bulk Logistics
Common Stock	08/28/2008	S	3,200	D	\$ 320	607	I	By Superior Bulk Logistics
Common Stock	08/29/2008	S	607	D	\$ 320	0	I	By Superior Bulk Logistics
Common Stock						801	I	By 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 (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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURNS JOHN J JR  
ALLEGHANY CORPORATION  
7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

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## Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/02/2008

\_\_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) Gift of shares of Alleghany common stock to non-family member third party for no consideration.

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