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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading STRAUSS CHARLES B Issuer Symbol HARTFORD FINANCIAL (Check all applicable) SERVICES GROUP INC/DE [HIG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL 05/17/2006 SERVICES GROUP, HARTFORD **PLAZA** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

HARTFORD, CT 06115

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Restricted 05/17/2006 1,403 5,167 D Α Stock Common 200 D Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber 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 Derivat Security (Instr. 5
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 62.07					<u>(1)</u>	12/20/2011	Common Stock	961	
Stock Option	\$ 65.85					(2)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,448	
Stock Option	\$ 37.37					(3)	02/22/2013	Common Stock	5,080	
Stock Option	\$ 65.99					<u>(4)</u>	02/20/2014	Common Stock	2,731	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

STRAUSS CHARLES B THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP HARTFORD PLAZA HARTFORD, CT 06115



Signatures

/s/ Richard G. Costello, POA for Charles B. Strauss by Power of Attorney of Charles B. Strauss dated February 19, 2004.

05/18/2006

**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 option became fully exercisable on February 21, 2004, the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The option became fully exercisable on February 21, 2005, the third anniversary of the grant date.

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- (3) The option became fully exercisable on February 20, 2006, the third anniversary of the grant date.
- One-third of the option became exercisable on February 18, 2005, an additional one-third of the option became exercisable on February 18, 2006 and the remaining one-third of the option will become exercisable on February 18, 2007, the third anniversary of the grant date.

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