

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 \*  
**WIMMER JAMES R**

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)

**ITASCA, IL 60143**

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/19/2012**

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/19/2012		M	V	Amount \$ 1,000	A	22,985	D
Common Stock							3,000	I
Common Stock (restricted) (2)							2,500	D

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 10.86	04/19/2012		M	1,000	(1) 05/13/2012		Common Stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WIMMER JAMES R  
ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.  
TWO PIERCE PLACE  
ITASCA, IL 60143

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## Signatures

/s/ April Hanes-Dowd, by power of attorney

04/20/2012

\_\_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 stock option becomes exercisable in four equal quarterly installments, commencing three months after the date of grant. Option expires upon death or retirement of director.
- (2) Restricted stock unit award vesting one year after the date of grant.

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