GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO

Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Bay Walter D.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

08/16/2007

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO [AJG]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE

(Street)

(State)

Director _X__ Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND

(Check all applicable)

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

ITASCA, ILÂ 60143

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(City)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

Direct (D) or Indirect

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

(I) (Instr. 5)

Common Stock (restricted)

10,000

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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Title

1. Title of Derivative Security

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Derivative Security: Direct (D) Security

(Instr. 4)

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 08/16/2017 | Common Stock | 17,000 | \$ 29.25 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 08/16/2017 | Common Stock | 13,000 | \$ 29.25 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Bay Walter D. ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA Â II Â 60143 | Â | Â | VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND | Â | | |

Signatures

| 08/21/2007 | | |
|------------|--|--|
| 08/21/2007 | | |
| Date | | |
| | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 20% each year on the anniversary of the grant date.

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