

CARY RICHARD C  
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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 \*  
CARY RICHARD C

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)  
02/16/2012  
  
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Controller, CAO  
  
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	02/16/2012		M		700 A \$ 22.7	27,176.881	D
Common Stock	02/16/2012		S		700 D \$ 35.01	26,476.881	D
Common Stock						22,678	I By Trust
Common Stock (restricted)						2,885	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.7	02/16/2012		M	700	<sup>(1)</sup> 07/21/2012	Common Stock	700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARY RICHARD C ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Controller, CAO	

## Signatures

/s/ Richard C. Cary                      02/21/2012

\_\_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 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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