GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO Form 8-K December 20, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 17, 2010

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

1-9761 (Commission

36-2151613 (IRS Employer

incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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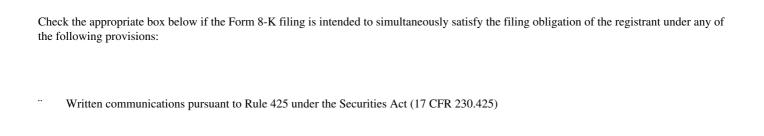
60143-3141

(Zip Code)

Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (630) 773-3800

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)



" Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 17, 2010, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Gallagher) registered for resale 243,015 shares of Gallagher common stock pursuant to Prospectus Supplement #5 under its automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-166533), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Registration Statement). The opinion and consent of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities, as to the validity of these shares of common stock, filed as Exhibits 5 and 23 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, respectively, are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
5	Opinion of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities
23	Consent of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities (included in Exhibit 5 hereto)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Date: December 17, 2010

/s/ Walter D. Bay
Walter D. Bay
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary