

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J &amp; CO

Form 4

March 16, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**GAULT JAMES S**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER &  
CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE**

(Street)

**ITASCA, IL 60143**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO  
[AJG]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/14/2006**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/14/2006		A		6,894	A	\$ 55,195
Common Stock							28,549
Common Stock							28,000
Common Stock (restricted)							9,763

by Trust

D

by Spouse  
(2)

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.25					(3) 08/30/2008	Common Stock 8,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.5					(3) 06/20/2010	Common Stock 20,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.7					(3) 07/21/2012	Common Stock 25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.9					01/01/2004(3) 07/16/2013	Common Stock 35,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.5					(3) 07/19/2011	Common Stock 20,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.25					(3) 07/20/2015	Common Stock 35,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42					(3) 07/21/2014	Common Stock 35,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GAULT JAMES S ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143			Vice President	

## Signatures

By: John C. Rosengren For: James S. Gault      03/16/2006

\_\_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) Granted pursuant to the Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Deferred Equity Participation Plan.

(2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4). This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of such securities.

(3) The stock option becomes exercisable 10% each year, commencing January 1 after the date of grant.

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