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May 19, 2005 FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting JOHNSON DAVID S	Symbol	LAGHER ARTHUR J & CO	5. Relationship of Issuer (Chec	Reporting Per k all applicabl				
(Last) (First) (ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER CO., TWO PIERCE PLACE	(Month 05/17/	of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year) /2005	X Director Officer (give below)		% Owner ner (specify			
(Street) ITASCA, IL 60143		nendment, Date Original Ionth/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Jc Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	One Reporting P	erson			
(City) (State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Derivative Securities A	Acquired, Disposed of	, or Beneficia	lly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Disposed of (D)	SecuritiesFBeneficially(IOwned(I	. Ownership form: Direct D) or Indirect I) Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
		information con required to resp	spond to the collec tained in this form ond unless the forr ntly valid OMB con	are not n	SEC 1474 (9-02)			

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

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amour
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securit

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.1	05/17/2005		А	25,000	(1)	05/16/2015	Common Stock	25,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationsh	ips	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON DAVID S ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. TWO PIERCE PLACE ITASCA, IL 60143	Х			
Signatures				
By: John C. Rosengren For: David S. Johnson		05/19/	2005	
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		e	

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 three equal annual installments, commencing one year after the date of grant.

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