

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.
 Form 4
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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 *
 EPPINGER FREDERICK H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN ST
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/19/2014

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

WORCESTER, MA 01653

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/19/2014 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 9,763 A \$ 0 | 191,467 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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)

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| 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount of Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 57.99 | 02/19/2014 | | A | 135,000 | (3) 02/19/2024 | Common Stock | 135,000 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| EPPINGER FREDERICK H THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN ST WORCESTER, MA 01653 | X | | President & CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Matthew R. Frascella pursuant to Confirming Statement
Date: 02/21/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) On February 28, 2011, the Reporting Person was granted 13,000 (target) performance-based restricted stock units ("PBRsUs") pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The PBRsUs were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting conditions. On February 19, 2014, the performance condition was certified at 75.1% of the target award, vesting the performance condition of the PBRsUs and converting the award into a restricted stock unit for the number of shares indicated on this Form 4. The restricted stock unit will vest 50% on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the original PBRsU grant date.

(2) Does not include 160,362 shares held indirectly in a Rabbi Trust pursuant to deferral agreements.

(3) Such options vest as to one third of the shares on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

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