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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEGE BARBARA R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASSURANT INC [AIZ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, 41ST FLOOR (Street)			(Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2005	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) Senior Vice President, Finance / (Taxation)		
			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
NEW YORK, NY 10005				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (I) Following or Indirect (I)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial Ownership	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/19/2005		M	20,937.27	A	\$ 22	27,840.755	D	
Common Stock	05/19/2005		D	20,937.27	D	\$ 34.07	6,903.485 <u>(1)</u>	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)

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N S
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 22	05/19/2005		M		7,866.82	02/04/2005	12/31/2008	Common Stock	
Stock Appreication Right	\$ 22	05/19/2005		M		13,070.45	02/04/2005	12/31/2009	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Senior Vice President, Finance

(Taxation)

HEGE BARBARA R

ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA

41ST FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10005

Signatures

Lisa Richter
Attorney-in-Fact
05/19/2005

**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) Includes 253.485 shares acquired under the Assurant, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on December 31, 2004.

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