

FOOS JOHN G
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Â FOOS JOHN G
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement
(Month/Day/Year)
03/06/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION,Â 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR
(Street)

(Check all applicable)

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

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10036
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	648 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
		Title			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FOOS JOHN G C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	X			

Signatures

/s/ Christopher K. Dalrymple, as attorney-in-fact 03/08/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Represents shares acquired by the reporting person in connection with the consummation of the merger (the "Merger") contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 20, 2011, by and among Alleghany Corporation, Shoreline Merger Sub, Inc. (formerly, Shoreline Merger Sub, LLC) and Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. (the "Merger Agreement"). At the effective time of the Merger, which occurred on March 6, 2012, the reporting person held 3,500 shares of Transatlantic Holdings, Inc. common stock, which were automatically converted into the right to receive 648 shares of Alleghany common stock pursuant to the proration formula prescribed in the Merger Agreement.

Remarks:
Exhibit List
Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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