

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BURNS JOHN J JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7  
TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH  
FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/30/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/23/2006                           |  | G                              |   | 500   | D  | <u>(1)</u> 69,717                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2006                           |  | G                              |   | 100   | D  | <u>(1)</u> 71,011 <sup>(2)</sup>                      |
| Common Stock                    | 05/11/2006                           |  | G                              |   | 26  | D  | <u>(3)</u> 70,985                                     |
| Common Stock                    | 05/30/2006                           |  | S <sup>(4)</sup>               |   | 1,284   | D  | \$ 276.9426 69,701                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 05/30/2006                           |  | S <sup>(5)</sup>               |   | 15  | D  | \$ 276.9426 778                                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | By wife   |

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|--------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 5,518 <sup>(6)</sup> | I | By<br>Superior<br>Bulk<br>Logistics |
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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu... |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BURNS JOHN J JR<br>ALLEGHANY CORPORATION<br>7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Christopher K. Dalrymple,<br>Attorney-in-Fact | 06/01/2006 |
| <u>        </u> 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) Gift to family member who does not share reporting person's household

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- Includes shares which were paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend on April 28, 2006. Pursuant to a program established by
- (2) Alleghany Corporation for those stockholders who wish to sell their stock dividends, the reporting person arranged for the sale of certain of these shares paid as a stock dividend.
  - (3) Gift to non-family member
- Open market sale of certain shares received from Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2006. Pursuant to arrangements made by Alleghany, stockholders who wished to sell all, or some portion of, the shares paid to them as a stock dividend instructed the dividend disbursing agent to do so, and such stockholders received the average sales price per share resulting from the sale of all such shares.
- (4)
- Open market sale of shares received from Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2005. Pursuant to arrangements made by
- (5) Alleghany, stockholders who wished to sell all, or some portion of, the shares paid to them as a stock dividend instructed the dividend disbursing agent to do so, and such stockholders received the average sales price per share resulting from the sale of all such shares.
  - (6) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2006.

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