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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brandon Joseph Patrick

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y] (Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

Table I Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of an Paneficially On

10% Owner Other (specify

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2012

X_ Officer (give title below)

Executive Vice President

(Check all applicable)

FLOOR

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW YORK, NY 10036

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi		*	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	1 1	.*		Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Ilisti. 3 alid 4)		
Common Stock	08/20/2012		P	100	A	\$ 334.85	16,754	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2012		P	100	A	\$ 334.8	16,854	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2012		P	300	A	\$ 332.95	17,154	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Secui
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					4, and 5)						
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						Exercisable Date	Date	" Title			
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brandon Joseph Patrick ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Christopher K. Dalrymple, Attorney-in-Fact

08/22/2012

**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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