

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE  
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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 \*  
WILL JAMES F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

721 E. MCMURRAY ROAD

(Street)

MCMURRAY, PA 15317

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/21/2005

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/21/2005		M	1,960 A \$ 79.18	10,226 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	04/25/2005		A	250 A <u>2</u>	10,476	D	
Common Stock					1,526 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	by Cider Hill Partners, LLP

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)
Option (right to buy)	\$ 79.18	04/21/2005		M	1	(3) 04/30/2005	Common Stock 1,960	(3)
Option (right to buy)	\$ 273.32	04/25/2005		A	1	(3) 04/24/2015	Common Stock 500	(3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WILL JAMES F 721 E. MCMURRAY ROAD MCMURRAY, PA 15317		X		

## Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/25/2005

\*\*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 shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend in April 2005.

(2) Grant of restricted stock for no cash consideration under 2005 Directors' Stock Plan

(3) One-third of such option becomes exercisable on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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