

Kirby Jefferson  
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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 \*  
Kirby Jefferson

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 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)  
05/04/2011

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)

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

**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  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2011                           |  | J <sup>(1)(2)</sup>            |   | 3,732   | A  | <sup>(1)</sup> / <sub>(2)</sub>                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 71,393  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2011                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 3,181   | D  | <u>(1)</u>  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 159,096   | I  |   |
|                                 | 05/04/2011                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 551   | D  | <u>(2)</u>  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 27,586 <sup>(3)</sup>   | I  |   |

Held by trusts of which reporting person is co-trustee and beneficiary

Common  
Stock

Held by  
trust of  
which  
reporting  
person is  
sole trustee  
and  
beneficiary

Common  
Stock

1,081 I

Held by  
limited  
partnership  
in which  
reporting  
person has a  
pecuniary  
interest

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reportable<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kirby Jefferson  
C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION  
7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR

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NEW YORK, NY 10036

## Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,  
Attorney-in-Fact

05/06/2011

\_\_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) Distributions to reporting person by trusts of which he is co-trustee and beneficiary of shares of Common Stock received by such trusts as stock dividends in April 2011.
- (2) Distribution to reporting person by a trust of which he is sole trustee and beneficiary of shares of Common Stock received by such trust as a stock dividend in April 2011.
- (3) Reflects shares of Common Stock held in a trust of which reporting person has been the beneficiary and recently became sole trustee as well.

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