

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
Form 8-K
October 26, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (D) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

October 26, 2004

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported)

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-9761
(Commission File Number)

36-2151613
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141, (630) 773-3800

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(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, or registrant's principal executive offices)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 26, 2004, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Gallagher) issued a press release setting forth Gallagher 's third quarter 2004 earnings. A copy of Gallagher 's press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99 and hereby incorporated by reference.

Exhibit Index

99 Press release, dated October 26, 2004, issued by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Date: October 26, 2004

/s/ Douglas K. Howell

Douglas K. Howell

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(principal financial officer and duly

authorized officer)