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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ADAMS REX D

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

04/27/2009

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

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

(State)

04/27/2009

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

A

(1)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount Price (D)

250

 $1,793 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ D

Stock

Common

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option (right to buy)	\$ 225.37	04/27/2009		A	1	(3)	04/26/2019	Common Stock	500	<u>(3)</u>

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ADAMS REX D C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	X					

Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple, Attorney-in-Fact

04/28/2009

**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) Grant of restricted stock for no cash consideration under 2005 Directors' Stock Plan
- (2) Includes shares of Common Stock paid by Alleghany Corporation as a stock dividend on April 24, 2009 to stockholders of record on April 1, 2009.
- (3) One-third of such option becomes exercisable on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The option was granted for no cash consideration.

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