

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE

Form 4

September 02, 2008

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BURNS JOHN J JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)  
04/08/2008

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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/28/2008                              |                                                             | G                        | 189 D                                                                      | 77,691                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 07/17/2008                              |                                                             | G                        | 50 D                                                                       | 77,641                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 08/15/2008                              |                                                             | G                        | 100 D                                                                      | 77,541                                                                                                             | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 04/08/2008                              |                                                             | S                        | 95 D                                                                       | \$ 5,207<br>355                                                                                                    | I                                                                    | By<br>Superior<br>Bulk<br>Logistics                               |

|              |            |   |       |   |        |       |   |                            |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|--------|-------|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock | 04/09/2008 | S | 1,100 | D | \$ 355 | 4,107 | I | By Superior Bulk Logistics |
| Common Stock | 04/10/2008 | S | 300   | D | \$ 355 | 3,807 | I | By Superior Bulk Logistics |
| Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | S | 3,200 | D | \$ 320 | 607   | I | By Superior Bulk Logistics |
| Common Stock | 08/29/2008 | S | 607   | D | \$ 320 | 0     | I | By Superior Bulk Logistics |
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |        | 801   | I | By spouse                  |

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) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code V (A) (D)                 |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |                                            |                                                                                                 |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURNS JOHN J JR  
ALLEGHANY CORPORATION  
7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR X  
NEW YORK, NY 10036

## Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,  
Attorney-in-Fact 09/02/2008

\_\_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) Gift of shares of Alleghany common stock to non-family member third party for no consideration.

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