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STRAUSS CHARLES B Symbol				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading symbol HARTFORD FINANCIAL				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			SERVICES GROUP INC/DE [HIG]				HIG]	(Check all applicable)			
				Earliest Tra ay/Year) 106	nsaction			Officer (give titleOther (specify below) below)			
				ndment, Date Original hth/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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Restricted Stock	05/17/2006			Code V A	Amount 1,403	(D) A	Price \$ 71.27	5,167	D		
Common Stock								200	D		

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. oriNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. 5
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	\$ 62.07					<u>(1)</u>	12/20/2011	Common Stock	961	
Stock Option	\$ 65.85					(2)	02/21/2012	Common Stock	2,448	
Stock Option	\$ 37.37					(3)	02/22/2013	Common Stock	5,080	
Stock Option	\$ 65.99					<u>(4)</u>	02/20/2014	Common Stock	2,731	

## **Reporting Owners**

		Relation				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
STRAUSS CHARLES B THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP HARTFORD PLAZA HARTFORD, CT 06115	х					
Signatures						
/s/ Richard G. Costello, POA for Charles B. Strauss by Power of Attorney of Charles B. Strauss dated February 19, 2004.						
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Per	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) The option became fully exercisable on February 21, 2004, the third anniversary of the grant date.

(2) The option became fully exercisable on February 21, 2005, the third anniversary of the grant date.

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- (3) The option became fully exercisable on February 20, 2006, the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) One-third of the option became exercisable on February 18, 2005, an additional one-third of the option became exercisable on February 18, 2006 and the remaining one-third of the option will become exercisable on February 18, 2007, the third anniversary of the grant date.

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