

LAVIN WILLIAM K
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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 *
 LAVIN WILLIAM K

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 190 BEACH 137TH STREET
 (Street)

BELLE HARBOR, NY 11694

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/14/2012

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)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/14/2012		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price	\$ 1,195 187.08	3,366	D
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S	1 D	\$ 327.96	3,365	D
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S	200 D	\$ 327.8	3,165	D
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S	499 D	\$ 327.79	2,666	D
Common Stock	03/14/2012		S	29 D	\$ 327.71	2,637	D
	03/14/2012		S	366 D		2,271	D

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Common Stock \$ 327.55
 Common Stock 03/14/2012 S 100 D \$ 327.51 2,171 D

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (right to buy)	\$ 187.08	03/14/2012		M	1,195	⁽¹⁾ 04/28/2012	Common Stock	1,195

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAVIN WILLIAM K 190 BEACH 137TH STREET BELLE HARBOR, NY 11694		X		

Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,
 Attorney-in-Fact 03/15/2012
 __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).

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- (1) One-third of such option became 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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