

Brandon Joseph Patrick  
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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 \*  
 Brandon Joseph Patrick

(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)  
 05/15/2012

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)  
 Executive Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/15/2012		P	150 A \$ 334.9	13,150	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2012		P	100 A \$ 334.9	13,250	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2012		P	50 A \$ 334.76	13,300	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2012		P	150 A \$ 334.85	13,450	D	
Common Stock	05/16/2012		P	100 A \$ 334.2	13,550	D	

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Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	100	A	\$ 332.81	13,650	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	100	A	\$ 331.75	13,750	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	100	A	\$ 329.55	13,850	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	56	A	\$ 330.65	13,906	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	44	A	\$ 330.6	13,950	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	87	A	\$ 328.93	14,037	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	13	A	\$ 329	14,050	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	100	A	\$ 328.55	14,150	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	98	A	\$ 328.43	14,248	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	2	A	\$ 328.5	14,250	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	P	100	A	\$ 327.95	14,350	D
Common Stock	05/16/2012	S	100	D	\$ 330.84	14,250	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. 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 (Instr. 6)
					Code V (A) (D)	Title			

Date	Expiration	Amount
Exercisable	Date	or
		Number
		of
		Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Brandon Joseph Patrick ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Joseph P.  
Brandon

05/17/2012

\*\*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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