

EPPINGER FREDERICK H

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
EPPINGER FREDERICK H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/25/2011

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

THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN ST

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WORCESTER, MA 01653

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code V	Amount			
Common Stock	01/25/2011		M	17,274	A	\$ 23.58	112,412	D
Common Stock	01/25/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	17,274	D	\$ 48	95,138	D
Common Stock	01/26/2011		M	25,641	A	\$ 23.58	120,779	D
Common Stock	01/26/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	25,641	D	\$ 48	95,138 <sup>(2)</sup>	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.58	01/25/2011		M	17,274	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/28/2013	Common Stock	17,274
Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.58	01/26/2011		M	25,641	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/28/2013	Common Stock	25,641

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EPPINGER FREDERICK H THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN ST WORCESTER, MA 01653	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Walter H. Stowell pursuant to Confirming Statement  
Date: 01/27/2011

\*\*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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on February 26, 2010.
- (2) Does not include 129,204 shares held indirectly in a Rabbi Trust pursuant to a deferral agreement.

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(3) Options were fully exercisable on 8/28/2006.

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