

LAVIN WILLIAM K

Form 4

March 17, 2009

**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 \*  
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)  
03/16/2009

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. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or 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:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/16/2009                              |                                                             | M                                    | 1,961 A                                                                 | \$<br>156.8916                                                                                                     | 4,052                                                                   | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/16/2009                              |                                                             | S                                    | 1,961 D                                                                 | \$<br>281.1994                                                                                                     | 2,091                                                                   | 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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5.<br>Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |            | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                                     | (A)                                                            | (D)        | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                 |            |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                         | \$<br>156.8916                                                        | 03/16/2009                              |                                                             | M                                       |                                                                                                                       | 1                                                              | <u>(1)</u> | 04/25/2009<br>Common<br>Stock                                       | 1,961                                                  | <u>(1)</u> |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Christopher K. Dalrymple,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/17/2009

**\*\*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) 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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