

AMERUS GROUP CO/IA

Form 4

November 15, 2006

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 *
KLEIN WARD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**699 WALNUT STREET, SUITE
2000**

(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
AMERUS GROUP CO/IA [AMH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2006

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 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 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | | 4,256.3354 | D | \$ 69 0 |

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 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 44.55 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> 01/03/2015 | Common Stock | 3,500 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 56.61 | 11/15/2006 | 11/15/2006 | D | 3,500 | <u>(1)</u> 01/03/2016 | Common Stock | 3,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|---|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| KLEIN WARD M 699 WALNUT STREET SUITE 2000 DES MOINES, IA 50309 | X |

Signatures

/s/ Jeananne M. Celander, Attorney-in-fact for Mr.
Klein

11/15/2006

__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) This option was vested immediately and was disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Aviva plc for the price reflected in column 8.

Remarks:

AmerUs Group Co. (NYSE: AMH) was merged into an acquisition subsidiary of Aviva plc on 11/15/2006. This form reports

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