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## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>\*</u> Kirby Jefferson

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/02/2007

\_X\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner

Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10036

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) 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.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | or(A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | (A) or | f (D) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)                           |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |  |  |                          |        |       | 57,707   | D  |   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |  |  |                          |        |       | 151,633  | I  | Held by<br>trusts of<br>which<br>reporting<br>person is<br>co-trustee<br>and<br>beneficiary |  |  |
|                                      | 05/02/2007                              |  | P                                      | 100                      | A      |       | 100  | I  |   |  |  |

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| Common<br>Stock |            |   |     |   | \$<br>358.14 |     |   | held by<br>limited<br>partnership<br>in which<br>reporting<br>person has a<br>pecuniary<br>interest |
|-----------------|------------|---|-----|---|--------------|-----|---|---|
| Common<br>Stock | 05/02/2007 | P | 100 | A | \$ 358       | 200 | I | held by<br>limited<br>partnership<br>in which<br>reporting<br>person has a<br>pecuniary<br>interest |
| Common<br>Stock | 05/02/2007 | P | 100 | A | \$<br>357.82 | 300 | I | held by<br>limited<br>partnership<br>in which<br>reporting<br>person has a<br>pecuniary<br>interest |
| Common<br>Stock | 05/02/2007 | P | 100 | A | \$<br>357.81 | 400 | I | held by<br>limited<br>partnership<br>in which<br>reporting<br>person has a<br>pecuniary<br>interest |
| Common<br>Stock | 05/02/2007 | P | 400 | A | \$<br>357.49 | 800 | I | held by<br>limited<br>partnership<br>in which<br>reporting<br>person has a<br>pecuniary<br>interest |
| Common<br>Stock | 05/02/2007 | P | 100 | A | \$ 357       | 900 | I | held by<br>limited<br>partnership<br>in which<br>reporting<br>person has a<br>pecuniary<br>interest |

| Common<br>Stock | 05/02/2007 | P | 100 | A | \$<br>356.33 | 1,000 | I | limited partnership in which reporting person has a pecuniary interest |
|-----------------|------------|---|-----|---|--------------|-------|---|--|
|-----------------|------------|---|-----|---|--------------|-------|---|--|

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<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>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 3 | ction | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                     | ate                | Amou<br>Under<br>Secur | rlying                                 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|-------|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--|---|
|   |   |   |   | Code                               | V     | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title                  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   |          |           |         |       |
|--|----------|-----------|---------|-------|
| 1  | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kirby Jefferson<br>C/O ALLEGHANY CORPORATION<br>7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR<br>NEW YORK, NY 10036 | X        |           |         |       |
| Signatures   |          |           |         |       |
| Christopher K. Dalrymple,<br>Attorney-in-Fact  | 05/03/20 | 007       |         |       |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date     |           |         |       |

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- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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