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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dalrymple Christopher Kent

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

VP and General Counsel

ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y]

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director X_ Officer (give title

below)

10% Owner Other (specify

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION, 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH **FLOOR**

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

NEW YORK, NY 10036

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common S 08/18/2010 200 D 1,150 D 299.2 Stock

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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| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
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| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Number | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dalrymple Christopher Kent ALLEGHANY CORPORATION 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036

VP and General Counsel

Signatures

Christopher K.
Dalrymple
08/18/2010

**Signature of Reporting Date

Explanation of Responses:

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