

AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORP
 Form 4
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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 *
 MCDONAGH THOMAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT CORP [AHM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP & Chief Investment Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE, 538 BROADHOLLOW RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/28/2005

MELVILLE, NY 11747
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------|---|---------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 12/16/2005 | | M | | 4,140 | A | \$ 19.36 | 4,540 | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 12/20/2005 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,140 | D | Ⓛ | 400 | D | |
| Common Stock, par | 12/20/2005 | | G ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,140 | A | Ⓛ | 4,140 | I | Held in trust |

value \$0.01
per share

accounts
for the
benefit of
his minor
children

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 26.54 | 10/28/2005 | | A | 30,000 | <u>(2)</u> 10/27/2015 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 19.36 | 12/16/2005 | | M | 4,140 | 06/30/2005 06/29/2013 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MCDONAGH THOMAS C/O AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE 538 BROADHOLLOW RD MELVILLE, NY 11747 | | | EVP & Chief Investment Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Thomas
McDonagh

12/20/2005

__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) In December 2005, Mr. McDonagh exercised options to purchase 4,140 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of American Home Mortgage Investment Corp. (the "Company") and transferred such shares to trust accounts for the benefit of his minor children under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act.

(2) Mr. McDonagh was granted options to purchase 30,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company in consideration of his services as an executive officer of the Company. Of these options, (i) options to purchase 15,000 shares of Common Stock will become exercisable on October 28, 2007, and (ii) options to purchase 15,000 shares of Common Stock will become exercisable on October 28, 2008.

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