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April 23, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 22, 2004

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ALLEGHANY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-9371	51-0283071
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

375 Park Avenue, Suite 3201 New York, New York	10152
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE (212) 752-1356  
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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1	2004 First Quarter Earnings Release, dated April 22, 2004

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On April 22, 2004, Alleghany Corporation issued a press release on the subject of its 2004 first quarter consolidated earnings. A copy of such release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The information hereunder shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the

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Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

/s/ Peter R. Sismondo  
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By: Peter R. Sismondo  
Vice President, Controller,  
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

Date: April 22, 2004

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