

ASSURANT INC
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report: February 28, 2005

ASSURANT, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

001-31978

39-1126612

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission file
Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One Chase Manhattan Plaza, 41st Floor
New York, NY

10005

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 859-7000

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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On March 2, 2005 J. Kerry Clayton, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Assurant, Inc. (the Company), exercised 361,395 previously granted stock appreciation rights with a strike price of \$22.00 and a market price of \$34.97 per share. Mr. Clayton used a portion of the proceeds to purchase 33,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the open market on March 2, 2005.

In addition, a portion of the proceeds have been deposited to fund a Rule 10b5-1 purchase plan dated February 28, 2005, entered into between Mr. Clayton and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated. The purchase plan calls for the orderly purchase of up to approximately \$1.19 million worth of shares of the Company's common stock commencing on March 15, 2005, subject to certain conditions. The plan provides for the purchase of 1,000 shares each week for the duration of the plan. Mr. Clayton's purchase plan will expire on December 31, 2005, unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Assurant, Inc.

Dated: March 3, 2005

By: /S/ Douglas R. Lowe

Name: Douglas R. Lowe

Title: Vice President and Corporate
Counsel