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Form 4

February 11, 2008

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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 \* 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FIRSTENBERG DAVID J Issuer Symbol HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP,

(Middle)

(Zin)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

INC. [THG]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

Vice President

C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE 02/07/2008 GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN

(Street)

(First)

STREET

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

WORCESTER, MA 01653

| (City)                               | (State) (                            | Table   | e I - Non-D                            | erivative                             | Secur | ities Acqu  | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficiall  | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>on(A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | spose | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/07/2008                           |   | A(1)                                   | 6,300                                 | A     | (1)         | 19,789   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/07/2008                           |   | A(2)                                   | 5,568                                 | A     | <u>(2)</u>  | 25,357   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/07/2008                           |   | F                                      | 2,094                                 | D     | \$<br>44.85 | 23,263   | D (3)  |   |

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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.                | 5.                   | 6. Date Exerc   | cisable and | 7. Title and                   | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|
|  | Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | TransactionNumber |                      | Expiration Date |             | Amount of                      | Derivative  | Deriv  |
|  | Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code              | of                   | (Month/Day/     | Year)       | Underlying                     | Security    | Secui  |
|  | (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8)        | Derivative           | e               |             | Securities                     | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|  |             | Derivative  |                     |                    |                   | Securities           |                 |             | (Instr. 3 and 4                | )           | Own    |
|  |             | Security    |                     |                    |                   | Acquired             |                 |             |                                |             | Follo  |
|  |             |             |                     |                    |                   | (A) or               |                 |             |                                |             | Repo   |
|  |             |             |                     |                    |                   | Disposed             |                 |             |                                |             | Trans  |
|  |             |             |                     |                    |                   | of (D)               |                 |             |                                |             | (Instr |
|  |             |             |                     |                    |                   | (Instr. 3,           |                 |             |                                |             |        |
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|  |             |             |                     |                    |                   | Date                 | Expiration      |             | r                              |             |        |
|  |             |             |                     |                    |                   |                      | Exercisable     | Date        |                                | 1           |        |
|  |             |             |                     |                    | Code V            | (A) (D)              |                 |             |                                |             |        |
|  |             |             |                     |                    | Code V            | of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, |                 | •           | Amoun or Title Numbe of Shares |             |        |

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FIRSTENBERG DAVID J

C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

Vice
440 LINCOLN STREET

President

WORCESTER, MA 01653

# **Signatures**

Walter H. Stowell pursuant to Confirming
Statement

02/11/2008

\*\*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).
  - On 2/7/05, Reporting Person was granted 4,200 (target) performance-based restricted stock units (the "2005 PBRSUs") pursuant to Issuer's Amended Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "1996 Plan"). Provided the Issuer's property and casualty operations achieved a specified return on equity for the year 2007 (the "2007 ROE Target") and Reporting Person remains continuously employed by the Issuer
- (1) until such date, the 2005 PBRSUs vest three years after the grant date. The actual 2005 PBRSU award could be as low as zero, and as high as 150% of the target, based on the return on equity actually achieved. On 2/7/08, the Issuer determined that the 2007 ROE Target had been achieved at a level that entitled holders of the 2005 PBRSUs to 150% of their target award. Accordingly, Reporting Person was issued 6,300 shares of common stock.
- (2) On 2/14/06, Reporting Person was granted 3,781 (target) performance-based restricted stock units (the "2006 PBRSUs") pursuant to Issuer's 1996 Plan. Provided the Issuer's property and casualty operations achieved a specified average return on equity for the years 2006 and 2007 (the "ROE Target") and Reporting Person remains continuously employed by the Issuer until such date, 50% of the 2006 PBRSUs vest two years after the grant date and the remaining 50% of the 2006 PBRSUs vest three years after the grant date. The actual 2006 PBRSU award could be as low as zero, and as high as 175% of the target, based on the return on equity actually achieved. On

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2/7/08, the Issuer determined that the ROE Target had been achieved at a level that entitled holders of the 2006 PBRSUs to 147.25% of their target award. Accordingly, provided Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer on the applicable vesting dates, Reporting Person will be issued an aggregate of 5,568 shares of common stock.

(3) Additional 4,084 shares held indirectly in 401(k) plan.

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