

BENSINGER STEVEN J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 BENSINGER STEVEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/06/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WORCESTER, MA 01653

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/06/2010		A <sup>(1)</sup>	5,500 A	5,500	D	

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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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 44.62	01/06/2010		A	40,000	(2) 01/06/2020	Common Stock	40,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

BENSINGER STEVEN J  
 THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
 440 LINCOLN STREET  
 WORCESTER, MA 01653

Executive Vice President

## Signatures

Walter H. Stowell pursuant to Confirming Statement

01/08/2010

\_\_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).

- Grant of restricted stock units pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Provided Reporting Person remains continuously employed by the Issuer through such dates, 50% of such units vest on the third anniversary of the grant date and 50% of such units vest on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. Upon vesting, such units automatically convert into an equal number of shares of common stock.
- (1)
  - (2) Provided Reporting Person remains continuously employed by the Issuer through such dates, such options vest 50% on the third anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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