

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
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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 \*  
 KAVANAUGH JOHN P

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/16/2006

(Street)  
 WORCESTER, MA 01653

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

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/16/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 20,800 A \$ 44.05   | 55,070   | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 10,800 D \$ 46.8  | 44,270   | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 1,000 D \$ 46.78  | 43,270   | D  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 100 D \$ 46.67  | 43,170   | D  |
|                                 | 02/16/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 100 D   | 43,070   | D  |

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|              |            |  |   |       |          |          |                         |
|--------------|------------|--|---|-------|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |       | \$ 46.65 |          |                         |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2006 |  | S | 3,300 | D        | \$ 46.61 | 39,770 D                |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2006 |  | S | 5,500 | D        | \$ 46.6  | 34,270 D <sup>(1)</sup> |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 44.05   | 02/16/2006                           |  | M                              | (A) 20,800  | <sup>(2)</sup> 01/02/2012                                | Common Stock  | 20,800                        |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| KAVANAUGH JOHN P<br>C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.<br>440 LINCOLN STREET<br>WORCESTER, MA 01653 |               |           | Vice President |       |

# Signatures

John P. Kavanaugh    02/17/2006

                        Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Additional 481 shares held indirectly by 401(k) plan.

(2) Option to purchase granted on January 2, 2002 under Issuer's Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, which became exercisable at rate of 25% on January 2, 2003, 25% on January 2, 2004, and 50% on January 2, 2005.

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