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January 05, 2005

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 (Date of earliest event reported): December 31, 2004

Alleghany Corporation

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

----- Delaware ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	----- 1-9371 ----- (Commission File Number)	----- 51-0283071 ----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 31, 2004, Alleghany Corporation issued a press release announcing the completion of the merger of its wholly owned subsidiary Heads & Threads International LLC with and into HTI Acquisition LLC, an acquisition vehicle formed by a private investor group led by Heads & Threads management and by Capital Partners, Inc. Under the terms of the transaction, Alleghany received

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merger consideration of approximately \$54 million in cash, subject to adjustment based upon net book value at closing. A copy of the press release issued on December 31, 2004 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits accompany this report:

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Press Release Announcing the Completion of the Merger of Heads & Threads International LLC with HTI Acquisition LLC

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SIGNATURES

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.

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

Date: January 5, 2004

By: /s/ Peter R. Sismondo

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Name: Peter R. Sismondo  
Title: Vice President

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