

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
 Form 4  
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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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M		20,800	A	\$ 44.05
Common Stock	02/16/2006		S		10,800	D	\$ 46.8
Common Stock	02/16/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 46.78
Common Stock	02/16/2006		S		100	D	\$ 46.67
	02/16/2006		S		100	D	43,070

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

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	20,800	<u>(2)</u> 01/02/2012	Common Stock	20,800

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

KAVANAUGH JOHN P  
C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
440 LINCOLN STREET  
WORCESTER, MA 01653

Vice  
President

## Signatures

John P.  
Kavanaugh                      02/17/2006

\*\*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).
- (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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