

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
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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 \*  
**EPPINGER FREDERICK H**

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)  
**THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN ST**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/23/2016**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/23/2016		A <sup>(1)</sup>	57,000	A	\$ 0	364,102	D
Common Stock	02/26/2016		F <sup>(2)</sup>	26,819	D	\$ 83.76	337,283 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
EPPINGER FREDERICK H THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN ST WORCESTER, MA 01653	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Matthew R. Frascella pursuant to Confirming Statement 03/01/2016

\_\_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 February 26, 2013, the Reporting Person was granted 38,000 (target) performance-based restricted stock units ("PBRsUs") pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The PBRsUs were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting conditions.
- (1) On February 23, 2016, the performance condition for this award was certified at 150% of the target award, vesting the performance condition of the PBRsUs and converting the award into a restricted stock unit for the number of shares indicated. The restricted stock unit vested 100% on the third anniversary of the original PBRsU grant date.
  - (2) On February 26, 2016, 100% of the restricted stock units described in Footnote 1 vested. Represents shares that were forfeited to pay withholding taxes upon the vesting of these restricted stock units.
  - (3) Does not include 200,612 shares held indirectly in a Rabbi Trust pursuant to deferral agreements.

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