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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 \*  
Roche John C

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)  
Senior Vice President

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/20/2012

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/20/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000 A \$ 0	15,454	D <sup>(2)</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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.81	01/20/2012		A	16,000	(3) 01/20/2022	Common Stock	16,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Roche John C C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN STREET WORCESTER, MA 01653			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Walter H. Stowell pursuant to Confirming Statement  
Date: 01/24/2012

\_\_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) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The restricted shares vest on the second anniversary of the grant date.  
On December 30, 2011, the plan sponsor terminated the THG Stock Fund investment option in the Company's 401(k). In connection with the termination, Reporting Person's investment in the fund was automatically liquidated and transferred to a different investment option. Accordingly, Reporting Person no longer holds any shares of THG common stock indirectly through the 401(k).
  - (2) The option vests 50% on the third anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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