

HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE
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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 *
 AYER RAMANI

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC/DE [HIG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP -, ONE HARTFORD PLAZA
 (Street)

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

HARTFORD, CT 06155
 (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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | 02/26/2008 | | A | | 26,709.402 | A | \$ 74.88 | 73,637.308 | D | |
| Restricted Stock | | | | | | | | 23,533 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,900 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Limited Liability Company |

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|--------------|---------|------------------|----------|
| Common Stock | 126,300 | I ⁽²⁾ | By Trust |
| Common Stock | 151,916 | 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) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 34 | | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 02/18/2010 | Common Stock | 268,294 |
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| Stock Option | \$ 62.07 | | | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 02/23/2011 | Common Stock | 222,046 |
| Stock Option | \$ 65.85 | | | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | 02/23/2012 | Common Stock | 201,556 |
| Stock Option | \$ 37.37 | | | | | | | <u>(7)</u> | 02/22/2013 | Common Stock | 171,465 |
| Stock Option | \$ 65.99 | | | | | | | <u>(8)</u> | 02/20/2014 | Common Stock | 96,723 |
| Stock Option | \$ 71.27 | | | | | | | <u>(9)</u> | 02/19/2015 | Common Stock | 79,454 |
| Stock Option | \$ 83 | | | | | | | <u>(10)</u> | 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 71,750 |
| Stock Option | \$ 93.69 | | | | | | | <u>(11)</u> | 02/27/2017 | Common Stock | 61,313 |
| Stock Option | \$ 74.88 | 02/26/2008 | | A | | 85,771 | | <u>(12)</u> | 02/26/2018 | Common Stock | 85,771 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AYER RAMANI THE HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP - ONE HARTFORD PLAZA HARTFORD, CT 06155 | X | | Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Donald C. Hunt, POA for Ramani Ayer by Power of Attorney of Ramani Ayer dated July 26, 2007.

02/28/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Shares of common stock held by a Limited Liability Company of which Mr. Ayer and his spouse are the co-managing and sole members.
- (2) Shares held by a Grantor Retained Annuity Trust of which Mr. Ayer is Trustee.
- (3) The option became fully exercisable as of April 11, 2000, following the achievement of the following criteria: the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange reached 125% of the grant price for at least 10 consecutive trading days.
- (4) Option held by a Trust of which Mr. Ayer is Trustee.
- (5) The option became fully exercisable as of July 27, 2005, following the achievement of the following criteria: the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange reached 125% of the grant price for at least 10 consecutive trading days.
- (6) The option became fully exercisable on November 17, 2005, following the achievement of the following criteria: the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange reached 125% of the grant price for at least 10 consecutive trading days.
- (7) The option became fully exercisable as of June 18, 2003, following the achievement of the following criteria: the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange reached 125% of the grant price for 10 consecutive trading days.
- (8) The option became fully exercisable as of February 18, 2007, the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (9) The option became fully exercisable on February 17, 2008, the third anniversary of the grant date.
The option becomes fully exercisable upon the later of: (i) the date on which the closing stock price on the New York Stock Exchange equals or exceeds 125% of the exercise price for 10 consecutive trading days or (ii) February 15, 2009, three years from the date of the grant. The closing price condition to vesting was met on May 18, 2007.
- (10) The option becomes fully exercisable upon the later of: (i) the date on which the closing stock price on the New York Stock Exchange equals or exceeds 125% of the exercise price for 10 consecutive trading days or (ii) February 27, 2010, three years from the date of the grant.
- (11) The option becomes fully exercisable upon the later of: (i) the date on which the closing stock price on the New York Stock Exchange equals or exceeds 125% of the exercise price for 10 consecutive trading days or (ii) February 26, 2011, three years from the date of the grant.

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