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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ALLEGHANY CORP /DE [Y] A Dalrymple Christopher Kent (Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O ALLEGHANY (Check all applicable) CORPORATION, Â 7 TIMES SQUARE TOWER, 17TH 10% Owner Director **FLOOR** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group VP and General Counsel Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting NEW YORK, NYÂ 10036 Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock D 1,350 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities Underlying Derivative Security
3. Title and Amount of Exercise Conversion Ownership Ownership Ownership Or Exercise Form of Conversion Ownership Owner

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Direct (D) Security Exercisable Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Signatures

Christopher K.
Dalrymple

**Signature of Reporting

Date

Person

Evaluation of Responses

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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