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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Desrochers Mark R (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., Â 440 LINCOLN STREET (Street) WORCESTER, Â MA Â 01653 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2009 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock | 10,053 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Common Stock (right to buy) | Â (2) | 02/23/2017 | Common Stock | 3,610 | \$ 48.46 | D | Â |
| Common Stock (right to buy) | Â (3) | 02/23/2019 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 34.19 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Desrochers Mark R C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN STREET WORCESTER, MA 01653 | Â | Â | Â Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Mark R.
Desrochers

12/23/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- Includes (a) 1,026 restricted stock units that vest on February 23, 2010; (b) 2,750 restricted stock units that vest on February 25, 2011; (c) 535 restricted stock units that vest on March 7, 2011; (d) 2,255 restricted stock units that vest on August 1, 2011; (e) 1,000 restricted stock units that vest on February 23, 2012; and (f) 1,000 restricted stock units that vest on February 23, 2013. In each case the Reporting Person must be continuously employed by the Issuer through the applicable vesting date for such restricted stock units to vest. Upon vesting, such restricted stock units automatically convert into an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock.
- (1) Such options vest 25% on February 23, 2008, 25% on February 23, 2009, and 50% on February 23, 2010.
 - (2) Such options vest 50% on February 23, 2012 and 50% on February 23, 2013.

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