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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Salvatore Bryan J

(Middle)

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP,

INC. [THG]

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title below)

Issuer

Other (specify

C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE 01/23/2019 GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN

(First)

Executive Vice President

STREET

(Last)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

WORCESTER, MA 01653

(City) (State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D)

Common Stock

01/23/2019

 $A^{(1)}$

Code V Amount

4,029

\$0 6,293 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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day/	5. 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	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89 (2)					(3)	06/12/2027	Common Stock	20,674 (2)	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 83.89 (4)					<u>(5)</u>	06/12/2027	Common Stock	19,339 (4)	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 106.01 (6)					<u>(7)</u>	02/27/2028	Common Stock	16,100 (6)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
, 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Salvatore Bryan J C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. 440 LINCOLN STREET WORCESTER, MA 01653			Executive Vice President			
Signatures						

/s/ Matthew R. Frascella pursuant to Confirming 01/24/2019 Statement

> **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).

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On June 12, 2017, the Reporting Person was granted 2,575 (target) performance-based restricted stock units ("PBRSUs") pursuant to the Issuer's 2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The PBRSUs were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting conditions. On December 30, 2018, the Issuer announced the issuance of a \$4.75 special dividend payable on January 25, 2019 to all shareholders of record on January 10, 2019 (the "Special Dividend"). On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms of the award, the target amount of the PBRSUs was automatically adjusted to reflect the Special Dividend. On January 23, 2019, 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 will vest 100% on the second anniversary of the original PBRSU grant date.

- Option award previously granted by the Issuer on June 12, 2017. On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms specified in the award, the exercise price of this award was automatically adjusted from \$87.50 to \$83.89, and the number of shares underlying the award was automatically adjusted from 19,820 to 20,674 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- (3) The award will vest in full on the second anniversary of the date of grant.
- Option award previously granted by the Issuer on June 12, 2017. On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms specified in the award, the exercise price of this award was automatically adjusted from \$87.50 to \$83.89, and the number of shares underlying the award was automatically adjusted from 18,540 to 19,339 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- (5) A third of the award vested on the first anniversary of the date of grant, and an additional third will vest on each of the second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- Option award previously granted by the Issuer on February 27, 2018. On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms specified in the award, (6) the exercise price of this award was automatically adjusted from \$110.57 to \$106.01, and the number of shares underlying the award was automatically adjusted from 15,435 to 16,100 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- (7) A third of the award will vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

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