

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.
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FORM 4

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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 *
 ZURAITIS MARITA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN STREET

(Street)

WORCESTER, MA 01653

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2012 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 5,750 A \$ 0 | 55,962 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/20/2012 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 10,000 A \$ 0 | 65,962 ⁽³⁾ | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 36.81 | 01/20/2012 | | A | 50,000 | <u>(4)</u> 01/20/2022 | Common Stock | 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZURAITIS MARITA
THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.
440 LINCOLN STREET
WORCESTER, MA 01653

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Walter H. Stowell pursuant to Confirming Statement

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 the Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The restricted shares vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant.
- (2) Grant of restricted stock units pursuant to the Issuer's 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units vest 50% on the third anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Does not include 35,792 shares deferred by the Reporting Person held indirectly in a Rabbi Trust.
- (4) 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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