

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p><b>Roche John C</b></p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p><b>C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN STREET</b></p> <p>(Street)</p> <p><b>WORCESTER, MA 01653</b></p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p><b>02/25/2008</b></p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><b>HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]</b></p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)  <b>Vice President</b></p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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	2,954 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	by 401(k) Plan
Common Stock	204	I	by 401(k) Plan

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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	09/01/2016	Common Stock	5,751	\$ 44.88	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	02/23/2017	Common Stock	4,513	\$ 48.46	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

John C. Roche                      02/25/2008

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

- Includes: (a) 1,671 restricted stock units that shall, provided Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer through such date, automatically convert into an equivalent number of shares of common stock on September 1, 2008; and (b) 1,283 restricted stock units that shall, provided Reporting Person remains employed by the Issuer through such date, automatically convert into an equivalent number of shares of common stock on February 23, 2010.
- (1)
  - (2) Option vests 25% on 9/1/07, 25% on 9/1/08 and 50% on 9/1/09.
  - (3) Option vests 25% on 2/23/08, 25% on 2/23/09, and 50% on 2/23/10.

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### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Confirming Statement

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