

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 8, 2005

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-9371

51-0283071

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

375 Park Avenue, Suite 3201

New York, New York

10152

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 752-1356

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Alleghany Corporation (“Alleghany”) is providing updated information relating to its outstanding common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the “Common Stock”), options and performance shares as of April 8, 2005. As of April 8, 2005, there were outstanding 7,730,593 shares of Common Stock, options to purchase 108,006 shares of Common Stock and 101,628 performance shares.

The following table summarizes information, as of April 8, 2005, relating to the equity compensation plans of Alleghany under which equity securities of Alleghany are authorized for issuance. The amounts presented in this table do not include the 101,628 performance shares because they do not have an exercise price; their value is dependent upon the achievement of certain performance goals over a period of time and they are typically paid one-half in cash and one-half in shares of Common Stock.

Plan category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column(a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	84,547	\$150.64	569,727
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders.....	<u>23,459</u>	\$138.71	--
Total.....	<u>108,006</u>		<u>569,727</u>

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ALLEGHANY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Peter R. Sismondo
Peter R. Sismondo
Vice President,
Controller,
Treasurer and Assistant
Secretary

Date: April 8, 2005