LAVEY RICHARD W

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LAVEY RICHARD W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Symbol

HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC. [THG]

(Check all applicable)

Executive Vice President

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE 01/23/2019

GROUP, INC., 440 LINCOLN

STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street)

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)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

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

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

15,339 ⁽²⁾

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

Common Stock

01/23/2019

 $A^{(1)}$

1,961

\$0

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 55.6 (3)					<u>(4)</u>	02/19/2024	Common Stock	15,646 (3)
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 67.34 (5)					<u>(4)</u>	02/27/2025	Common Stock	17,420 (5)
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 79.33 (6)					<u>(7)</u>	02/23/2026	Common Stock	17,107 (6)
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 87.43 (8)					<u>(9)</u>	02/24/2027	Common Stock	20,841
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 106.01 (10)					<u>(11)</u>	02/27/2028	Common Stock	20,121 (10)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LAVEY RICHARD W			Executive			
C/O THE HANOVER INSURANCE GROUP, INC.			Vice			
440 LINCOLN STREET			President			

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Signatures

/s/ Matthew R. Frascella pursuant to Confirming Statement

01/24/2019

**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).

On February 23, 2016, the Reporting Person was granted 1,630 (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

- (1) record on January 10, 2019 (the "Special Dividend"). On January 9, 2019, 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 115.38% 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 third anniversary of the original PBRSU grant date.
- (2) Includes 70 shares acquired by an automatic adjustment to a previously granted time-based restricted stock unit award on January 9, 2019 pursuant to the terms specified in the award to reflect the Special Dividend.
- Option award previously granted by the Issuer on February 19, 2014. On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms specified in the award, (3) the exercise price of this award was automatically adjusted from \$57.99 to \$55.60, and the number of shares underlying the award was automatically adjusted from 15,000 to 15,646 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- (4) A third of the award vested on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.
- Option award previously granted by the Issuer on February 27, 2015. On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms specified in the award, the exercise price of this award was automatically adjusted from \$70.24 to \$67.34, and the number of shares underlying the award was automatically adjusted from 16,700 to 17,420 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- Option award previously granted by the Issuer on February 23, 2016. On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms specified in the award, the exercise price of this award was automatically adjusted from \$82.74 to \$79.33, and the number of shares underlying the award was automatically adjusted from 16,400 to 17,107 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- (7) A third of the award vested on each of the first two anniversaries of the date of grant, and the remaining third will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- Option award previously granted by the Issuer on February 24, 2017. On January 9, 2019, pursuant to the terms specified in the award, the exercise price of this award was automatically adjusted from \$91.19 to \$87.43, and the number of shares underlying the award was automatically adjusted from 19,980 to 20,841 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- (9) 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, (10) 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 19,290 to 20,121 to reflect the Special Dividend.
- (11) A third of the award will vest on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant.

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