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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NIKOLAUS DONALD H</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DONEGAL GROUP INC [DGICA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) 1195 RIVER R PO BOX 302	(First) OAD	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2011	Х	Officer (give title below) President & C	Other (specify below) CEO		
(Street) MARIETTA (City)	PA (State)	17547 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repoi Form filed by More than Person	ting 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)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Class A Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	07/01/2011		J	v	1,726	A	\$10.88	128,092.202	D	
Class A Common Stock								147,499.362	Ι	401(k) Plan
Class A Common Stock								159,369	I	Family Foundation
Class A Common Stock								1,365.798	I	Spouse
Class B Common Stock								130,210.44	D	
Class B Common Stock								51,637.532	I	401(k) Plan
Class B Common Stock								3,938	I	Family Foundation
Class B Common Stock								589	Ι	Spouse

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. Transa Code (8)		Derivative		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Options	\$12.5	07/27/2011		Α		200,000		03/01/2012	07/27/2021	Class A Common	200,000	\$ <mark>0</mark>	200,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Employee Plan

Donald H. Nikolaus

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

07/28/2011

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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