FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* DONEGAL MUTUAL INSURANCE CO | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DONEGAL GROUP INC [dgicb] | | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------------------|------|---|-----|---------|--|-------|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1195 RIVER ROAD | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/01/2004 | | | | | | | | | Offic below | er (give title w) | | Other below) | (specify | |
| (Street) MARIATTA PA (City) (State) | | | 17547 (Zip) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. I | | | | | | | | | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable 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. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | Execution Date | | n Date, | Code (Instr. 5) | | | | | | Securi Benef | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or F | rice | Transa | action(s) 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Class B Common Stock 10/0 | | | | | | 2004 | | P | | 295 A | | A ! | \$19.45 | 1,9 | 1,984,734 | | D | | | |
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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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, Transaction Code (Ins | | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Dei Sec (Ins | Price of ivative curity str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Ralph G. Spontak, Sr. V P, Secretary and CFO

10/05/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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