FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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* DONEGAL MUTUAL INSURANCE CO (Last) (First) (Middle) 1195 RIVER ROAD (Street) | | | | | 3. D 12/ | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DONEGAL GROUP INC [DGICB] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2004 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | (CI | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
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| MARIET (City) | | | .7547 Zip) | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Report Person | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transar Date (Month/Da | | | | | Execution Date, | | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | d Secu Bend Own | mount of urities eficially ed Following orted | 6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4) | t of Indirect | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | Price | Tran | saction(s) r. 3 and 4) | | (111511. 4) | |
| Class B Common Stock 12/16/ | | | | 5/2004 | 2004 | | P | | 542 | | A | \$20. | 5 2,018,453 | | D | | | |
| Class B Common Stock 12/20/ | | | |)/2004 | /2004 | | P | | 4,832 | | A | \$21. | 35 2 | ,023,285 | D | | | |
| | 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 Da if any (Month/Day/\) | Date, Transact Code (In | | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | ount | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | of Sha | res | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

12/22/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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