

EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC
 [EMCI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4765 NW LOVINGTON
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. Vice President & CFO

DES MOINES, IA 50310

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
EMC Insurance Group Inc. Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	5,719	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.35	03/01/2005		A	6,000	03/01/2006 ⁽¹⁾ 03/01/2015	Common Stock	6,000
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.28					02/06/2005 ⁽¹⁾ 02/06/2014	Common Stock	1,000
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.875					02/07/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 02/07/2013	Common Stock	2,000
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.3					02/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2012	Common Stock	1,500
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.25					08/01/2001 ⁽¹⁾ 08/01/2010	Common Stock	2,000
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.6875					02/01/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2009	Common Stock	2,000
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.6875					02/01/1999 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2008	Common Stock	1,500
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.25					02/01/1998 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2007	Common Stock	1,006
ISO (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.25					02/01/1997 ⁽¹⁾ 02/01/2006	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
REESE MARK E 4765 NW LOVINGTON DES MOINES, IA 50310			Sr. Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

Mark E. Reese 03/01/2005

__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).
- (1) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning one year after date of grant.
- (2) Aggregate total of options to buy: 9,000 options under the 2003 ISO Plan and 9,506 options under the 1993 ISO Plan for a total of 18,506.

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