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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC [EMCI] À Hanson Rodney Dale (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 9625 WINSTON AVENUE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person URBANDALE, Â IAÂ 50322 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Senior Vice President Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) **EMCI-Common Stock** D Â 2,086 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	curity Date		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Tr'al A	Derivative	Security:	
		Title Amount or	Security	Direct (D)	
		Number of		or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
ISO-Right To Buy	02/06/2005(1)	02/06/2014(1)	Common Stock	5,425	\$ 22.28	D	Â
ISO-Right To Buy	03/01/2006(1)	03/01/2015(1)	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 19.35	D	Â
ISO-Right To Buy	03/01/2007(1)	03/01/2016(1)	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 24.6	D	Â
ISO-Right To Buy	03/09/2008(1)	03/09/2017(1)	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 25.455	D	Â
ISO-Right To Buy	03/05/2009(1)	03/05/2018(1)	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 23.467	D	Â
NSO-Right To Buy	03/03/2010(1)	03/03/2019(1)	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 18.865	D	Â
NSO-Right To Buy	03/01/2011(1)	03/01/2020(1)	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 20.675	D	Â
NSO-Right To Buy	03/01/2012(1)	03/01/2021(1)	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 24.405	D	Â
NSO-Right To Buy	03/01/2013(1)	03/01/2022(1)	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 20.98	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hanson Rodney Dale 9625 WINSTON AVENUE URBANDALE Â LA Â 50322	Â	Â	Senior Vice President	Â	

Signatures

Rodney D.
Hanson

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 at 20% per year beginning one year after date of grant.

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