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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Asplund Ian Christopher Issuer Symbol EMC INSURANCE GROUP INC (Check all applicable) [EMCI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Officer (give title __X_ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **EMPLOYERS MUTUAL** 02/28/2018 Sr. VP-Chief Analytics Officer

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

CASUALTY COMPANY, 717 MULBERRY STREET

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

DES MOINES, IA 50309

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 1. Title of Security 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A)

7. Nature (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership of Indirect Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

EMCI-Common 02/28/2018 7,017 D M 1,115 15.6447 Stock

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)

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	1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4.	5. Number	Date Exercisab	le and	7. Title and A	Amou
	Derivative	Conversion			Transaction Derivative		Expiration Date		Underlying Securit	
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year	r)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
(Instr. 3)	(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Shar	
	ISO-RIGHT	\$ 15.6446	02/28/2018		M	1,115	03/05/2009(1)	03/05/2018	Common	1,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Asplund Ian Christopher EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY COMPANY 717 MULBERRY STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309

Sr. VP-Chief Analytics Officer

Stock

Signatures

TO BUY

Ian C. Asplund 03/02/2018

**Signature of 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 (20%)beginning one year after date of grant.

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