

GALLAGHER ARTHUR J & CO
Form 8-K
December 16, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 16, 2011

ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-9761
(Commission
File Number)

36-2151613
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

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Two Pierce Place, Itasca, Illinois 60143-3141 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (630) 773-3800

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 16, 2011, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. (Gallagher) registered for resale 80,522 shares of Gallagher common stock pursuant to a prospectus supplement under its automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-166533), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Registration Statement). The opinion and consent of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities, as to the validity of these shares of common stock, filed as Exhibits 5 and 23 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, respectively, are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 5 | Opinion of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities |
| 23 | Consent of Seth Diehl, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Securities (included in Exhibit 5 hereto) |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Date: December 16, 2011

/s/ WALTER D. BAY
Walter D. Bay
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary