

GASS RICHARD L
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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 *
GASS RICHARD L

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)
4113 73RD STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/03/2009

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

URBANDALE, IA 50322
(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)
EMCI - Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	8,743	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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option/Tandem Stock Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 18.865	03/03/2009		A	6,000	03/03/2010 ⁽²⁾ 03/03/2019	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GASS RICHARD L 4113 73RD STREET URBANDALE, IA 50322			Sr. Vice President	

Signatures

Richard L. Gass 03/04/2009
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- The employee stock options (right to buy) were granted in tandem with stock appreciation rights up to 50% of the employee stock options
- (1) (right to buy). Exercise of Stock Appreciation Rights must be in conjunction with the exercise of the employee stock options (right to buy). Accordingly, the exercise on one results in the expiration of the other.
 - (2) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning one year after date of grant.

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