

D'Orazio Frank  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 D'Orazio Frank

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG [AWH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Pres. Bda & Int'l Ins., AWAC

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS  
 AG, LINDENSTRASSE 8  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2012

BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	02/22/2012		A	(A) 13,500 (1)	\$ 0	48,025	D
Common Shares	02/22/2012		M	352	\$ 0 (2)	48,377	D
Common Shares	02/22/2012		M	875	\$ 0 (3)	49,252	D
Common Shares	02/22/2012		D	526	\$ 66.8906 (4)	48,726	D

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/22/2012		M	352 (2)	(5) (5)	Common Shares	352 (2)
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/22/2012		M	875 (3)	(6) (6)	Common Shares	875 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	02/22/2012		A	3,126 (7)	(8) (8)	Common Shares	3,126 (7)

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

D'Orazio Frank  
ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS  
AG  
LINDENSTRASSE 8  
BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340

Pres. Bda & Int'l Ins., AWAC

## Signatures

/s/ Wesley D. Dupont, by Power of Attorney

02/23/2012

\*\*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).

Represents the Company's Common Shares that were earned pursuant to a 2009 LTIP award for no monetary consideration and which vested at 150% of target based on the achievement of pre-established performance criteria during the applicable three-year performance period established under the Company's Third Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(1) On February 22, 2011, the reporting person was granted 1,410 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 705 of the Company's Common Shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 705 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.

(2) On February 22, 2010, the reporting person was granted 3,500 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 2,100 of the Company's Common Shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 1,400 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.

(3) The fair market value of the cash portion was determined using the daily volume-weighted average sales price of the Company's Common Shares for the five consecutive trading days up to and including February 22, 2012.

(4) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2012.

(5) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2011.

(6) Grant of Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. 3,126 Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 625 Common Shares of the Company and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 2,501 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.

(7) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2013.

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