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### FORM 3

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS LTD Bell David (Month/Day/Year) [AWH] 09/29/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ALLIED WORLD (Check all applicable) ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, LTD, 27 RICHMOND ROAD Director 10% Owner (Street) X\_ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) COO, AWAC \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person PEMBROKE, Â DOÂ HM 08 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Shares 17,301 (1) Â 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	12/31/2004(2)	12/31/2013	Common Shares	3,333	\$ 29.52	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	01/03/2006(2)	01/03/2015	Common Shares	3,333	\$ 32.7	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	(3)	Common Shares	1,250 (4)	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Bell David						
ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, LTD	â	â	COO, AWAC	â		
27 RICHMOND ROAD	А	A	A COO, AWAC	A		
PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08						

#### **Signatures**

/s/ David A. Bell 10/09/2009

\*\*Signature of Pate 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) Includes 14,625 Restricted Stock Units which convert into Common Shares upon the vesting of such units on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) These securities vested in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on the date shown.
- (3) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 26, 2010.
  - Grant of Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. 2,500 Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 1,250 Common Shares of the
- (4) Company and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 1,250 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.

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