

Gauthier John J  
 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 \*  
 Gauthier John J

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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, AG, LINDENSTRASSE 8

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/26/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & CIO, AWAC ServCo.

BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |  |
| Common Shares                   | 02/26/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 750 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 13,007   | D  |
| Common Shares                   | 02/26/2012                           |  | D                              |   | 375 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 67.7636   | 12,632   | D  |
| Common Shares                   | 02/26/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 128 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 68.16   | 12,504   | 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)

| 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. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 02/26/2012                           |  | M                              | 750<br>(1)  | (1) (1)  | Common Shares   | 750 (1)   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| Gauthier John J<br>ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS,<br>AG<br>LINDENSTRASSE 8<br>BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340 |               |           | EVP & CIO, AWAC<br>ServCo. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Wesley D. Dupont, by Power Attorney  
Date: 02/28/2012

\*\*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).
- (1) On February 26, 2009, the reporting person was granted 3,000 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 1,500 of the Company's Common Shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 1,500 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units. The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 26, 2010.
- (2) The number represents the cash portion of the above award and the price per share was determined using the daily volume-weighted average sales price of the Company's Common Shares for the five consecutive trading days prior to February 26, 2012.

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- (3) Exclusively represents shares withheld by the Company with respect to the payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.

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