

Knight W. Gordon  
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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 \*  
 Knight W. Gordon

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)  
 President, AWACUS & AWNAC

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/26/2011

BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-67340  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/26/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 1,250 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/26/2011                           |  | D                              |   | 625 D \$ 61.2548 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/26/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 253 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 61.22   | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 02/28/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 1,012 <sup>(3)</sup> D \$ 61.71   | 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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Restricted Stock Units                     | (1)  | 02/26/2011                           |  | M                              | 1,250<br>(1)   | 02/26/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/26/2013 <sup>(4)</sup>      | Common Shares 1,250<br>(1)                                  |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS,  
AG  
LINDENSTRASSE 8  
BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-67340

President, AWACUS &  
AWNAC

## Signatures

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

03/01/2011

\_\_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).

On February 26, 2009, the reporting person was granted 5,000 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted

(1) Stock Units convert into (i) 2,500 of the Company's Common Shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 2,500 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.

(2) 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 25, 2011.

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- (3) Exclusively represents shares withheld by Company with respect to the payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 26, 2010.

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