MATOVINA JOHN M

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING CO [AEL]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner			
(Last) 6000 WEST	(First) (N	(Month/Da	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/29/2012					X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO & President				
				ndment, Date Original th/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266									Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	ion.	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership 7. Nature Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficia Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	11/29/2012			J		1,000	A	\$ 0	85,759	D		
Common Stock	11/29/2012			J		1,000 (1)	D	\$ 0	0	I	By Spouse	

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MATOVINA JOHN M 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	X		CEO & President				

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney 12/03/2012

**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) Spouse transferred ownership of shares to this owner.

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