Knight W. Gordon Form 4 February 24, 2010

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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obligations

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**SECURITIES** Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(First)

Knight W. Gordon

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE

CO HOLDINGS LTD [AWH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE 02/22/2010 CO HOLDINGS, LTD, 27

(Middle)

RICHMOND ROAD

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X\_ Officer (give title below)

Pres, US Ops, Dst & Mkt, AWNAC

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM

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Security

(Instr. 3)

**Shares** 

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 02/22/2010 A

611 (1) A \$0 10,146

(A)

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. Transactic 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. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/22/2010		A	8,800 (2)	(3)	(3)	Common Shares	5,280 (2)	\$

### **Reporting Owners**

Relationships

Knight W. Gordon ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS, LTD 27 RICHMOND ROAD PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM 08

Pres, US Ops, Dst & Mkt, AWNAC

### **Signatures**

/s/ Wesley D. Dupont, by Power of Attorney 02/24/2010

\*\*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) Represents the Company's Common Shares acquired pursuant to its 2008 Employee Share Purchase Plan on December 31, 2009.
  - Grant of Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. 8,800 Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 5,280 of the Company's
- (2) Common Shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 3,520 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2011.

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