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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bender John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

Allied World Assurance Co

Holdings, AG [AWH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

below) below) 02/19/2013 Pres., Allied World Re Mgt Co

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS,

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

AG, LINDENSTRASSE 8

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

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Code Common 9,270 02/19/2013 \$0 40,852 D Α Α (1) Shares 4,639 Common 02/19/2013 F D 36.213 D (2) **Shares**

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 Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	02/19/2013		A	2,354	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares	2,354	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Co

Pres., Allied World Re Mgt

Bender John

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS,

AG LINDENSTRASSE 8

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Signatures

/s/ Wayne H. Datz, by Power of Attorney

02/21/2013

**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).
- Represents the Company's Common Shares that were earned pursuant to a 2010 performance-based award for no monetary consideration and which vested at 103% of target based on the achievement of pre-established performance criteria during the applicable three-year performance period established under the Company's Third Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Exclusively represents shares withheld by the Company with respect to the payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of performance-based awards.
- (3) Grant of Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. Restricted Stock Units convert into cash equal to the market value of 2,354 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 19, 2014.

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