

Bender John  
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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 \*  
**Bender John**

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)  
 Pres., Allied World Re Mgt Co

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/22/2013**

(City) (State) (Zip)  
**BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340**

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 or Price		
Common Shares	02/22/2013		M		780 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	36,993	D
Common Shares	02/22/2013		M		356 A \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	37,349	D
Common Shares	02/22/2013		M		875 A \$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	38,224	D
Common Shares	02/22/2013		D		1,677 D \$ 87.3758 <sup>(4)</sup>	36,547	D

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Common Shares 02/22/2013 F 177 <sup>(5)</sup> D \$ 88.03 36,370 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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	02/22/2013		M	780 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Shares	780 <u>(1)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	02/22/2013		M	356 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(8)</u>	Common Shares	356 <u>(2)</u>
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	02/22/2013		M	875 <u>(3)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(9)</u>	Common Shares	875 <u>(3)</u>

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bender John  
ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS,  
AG  
LINDENSTRASSE 8  
BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340

Pres., Allied World Re Mgt  
Co

## Signatures

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

02/26/2013

\_\_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).
  - (1) On February 22, 2012, the reporting person was granted 3,120 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 624 of the Company's Common Shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 2,496 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.

On February 22, 2011, the reporting person was granted 1,420 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted
  - (2) Stock Units convert into (i) 710 of the Company's Common Shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 710 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.

On February 22, 2010, the reporting person was granted 3,500 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted
  - (3) Stock Units convert into cash equal to the market value of 3,500 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.
  - (4) 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 22, 2013.
  - (5) Exclusively represents shares withheld by the Company with respect to the payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
  - (6) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2013.
  - (7) Represents all Restricted Stock Units held by the reporting person that vest in whole or in part in cash.
  - (8) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2012.
  - (9) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2011.

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