**Bailenson Robert** Form 4 February 13, 2012

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **Bailenson Robert** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD [AGO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

below)

Chief Financial Officer

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD., 30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE

(Street)

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Shares	02/09/2012		F	2,287 (1)	D	\$ 17.44	120,921.5988	D		
Common Shares	02/09/2012		D	0.7097 (2)	D	\$ 17.44	120,920.8891	D		
Common Shares	02/09/2012		A	5,202	A	<u>(3)</u>	126,122.8891	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration I (Month/Day	Pate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Employee Stock Options	\$ 17.44	02/09/2012		A	11,094	<u>(4)</u>	02/09/2019	Common Shares	11,09
Performance Share Units	<u>(6)</u> <u>(7)</u>	02/09/2012		A	6,774	(6)(7)	(6)(7)	Common Shares	6,774

# **Reporting Owners**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bailenson Robert ASSURED GUARANTY LTD. 30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE HAMILTON, D0 HM08

Chief Financial Officer

## **Signatures**

By: James M. Michener, Attorney-in-fact

02/13/2012

\*\*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) Common Shares being withheld to pay tax liability.
- (2) Represents cash settlement of a fraction of a restricted stock unit granted pursuant to the Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3.
- (3) Restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the Plan. With limited exceptions, the restricted stock units vest on 2/9/2015, assuming that the holder remains employed at such time. Upon vesting, one Common Share will be delivered for each vested restricted stock unit.
- (4) Stock options awarded pursuant to the Plan. With limited exceptions, the options become exercisable, if at all, at the end of the performance period (1/1/12 to 12/31/2014), assuming that the holder remains employed at such time, based on the Company's Common Share price using the highest 40-day average stock price during the performance period as follows: 100% if the share price reaches \$30; 50% if the share price reaches \$24; and 35% if the share price reaches \$18 (with interpolation between those prices). If the share price

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does not reach \$18, none of the options will vest.

- (5) Total includes options from other tranches with different exercise prices, vesting terms and expiration dates.
  - Performance share units awarded pursuant to the Plan. Each performance share unit represents a contingent right to receive one Common Share of the Company. With limited exceptions, the performance share units vest, if at all, at the end of the performance period (1/1/12 to 12/31/2014), assuming that the holder remains employed at such time, based on the Company's Common Share price using the highest
- 40-day average stock price during the share price reaches \$18 (with interpolation between those prices). If the share price does not reach \$18, none of the performance share units will vest.
- To the extent unvested performance share units do not become vested units at the end of the applicable performance period as described above, such unvested performance share units will expire at the end of such performance period. Upon vesting, one Common Share will be delivered for each vested performance share unit.

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