

Bender John  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                 |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol   |  |
| Â Bender John   |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG [AWH]   |  |
| (Last)  | (First) | (Middle)                             | 03/01/2012   |  |
| 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer          |         |                                      | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)   |  |
| ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, AG,Â LINDENSTRASSE 8 |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>Pres. & COO, Allied World Re. |  |
| BAAR/ZUG,Â V8Â CH-6340                                    |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)   |  |
| (City)  |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares                      | 31,582   | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                                       | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title         | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Restricted Stock Units                | Â (1)            | Â (1)           | Common Shares | 750                        | \$ (1)   | D                                     | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units                | Â (2)            | Â (2)           | Common Shares | 1,750                      | \$ (2)   | D                                     | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units                | Â (3)            | Â (3)           | Common Shares | 1,066                      | \$ (3)   | D                                     | Â |
| Restricted Stock Units                | Â (4)            | Â (4)           | Common Shares | 3,120                      | \$ (4)   | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy) | Â (5)            | 02/22/2021      | Common Shares | 5,390                      | \$ 61.51 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                         | Other |
| Bender John<br>ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS,<br>AG<br>LINDENSTRASSE 8<br>BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340 | Â             | Â         | Â Pres. & COO, Allied World Re. | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ John R.  
Bender

03/12/2012

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 26, 2009, the reporting person was granted 3,000 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 1,500 of the Company's common shares and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 1,500 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units. The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 26, 2010.
  - (2) On February 22, 2010, the reporting person was granted 3,500 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted 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. The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2011.
  - (3) On February 22, 2011, the reporting person was granted 1,420 Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. The Restricted 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. The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2012.
  - (4) 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

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(measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units. The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2013.

(5) These Employee Stock Options vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 22, 2012.

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