

McElroy John Justin
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FORM 4

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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 *
 McElroy John Justin

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, AG, LINDENSTRASSE 8

(Street)

BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG [AWH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/14/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 COO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares	03/14/2012		M	V	4,500 A \$ 31.47	46,414	D
Common Shares	03/14/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	V	4,500 D \$ 71	41,914	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 31.47	03/14/2012		M	4,500	06/01/2005 ⁽²⁾ 06/01/2014	Common Shares	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McElroy John Justin ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, AG LINDENSTRASSE 8 BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340			COO	

Signatures

/s/ Wesley D. Dupont, by Power of Attorney
 03/16/2012
 **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) The exercise of Employee Stock Options and sale of Common Shares reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 18, 2011.
- (2) These securities vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on the date shown.

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