

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD
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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 *
MICHENER JAMES M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASSURED GUARANTY LTD
[AGO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/05/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
General Counsel and Secretary

HAMILTON, D0 HM08

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 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	02/05/2009		A	30,000 A	160,915.6491	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)

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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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option	\$ 7.44	02/05/2009		A		20,000		<u>(2)</u>	02/05/2019	Common Shares	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
MICHENER JAMES M 30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE HAMILTON, D0 HM08	Director 10% Owner Officer General Counsel and Secretary

Signatures

/s/ James M.
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02/06/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Restricted stock units awarded pursuant to Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. The restricted stock units vest as follows: 1/4 on the first anniversary date of the award, 1/4 on the second anniversary date of the award, 1/4 on the third anniversary date of the award and 1/4 on the fourth anniversary date of the award. Upon vesting, one (1) common share will be delivered for each vested restricted stock unit.

(2) Stock option award pursuant to Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. The stock options vest as follows: 1/3 on the first anniversary date of the award, 1/3 on the second anniversary date of the award and 1/3 on the third anniversary date of the award.

(3) Total includes options from other tranches with different exercise prices and expiration dates.

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