

ASSURANT INC
Form 11-K
June 28, 2011
Table of Contents

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 001-31978

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

ASSURANT 401(k) PLAN A

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

ASSURANT, INC.

ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, 41ST FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10005

Table of Contents

**Assurant 401(k) Plan A
Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedules
December 31, 2010
Contents**

<u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u>	1
Financial Statements:	
<u>Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits at December 31, 2010 and 2009</u>	2
<u>Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2010</u>	3
<u>Notes to Financial Statements</u>	4
Supplemental Schedule	
<u>Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) at December 31, 2010</u>	16
<u>Signatures</u>	17
<u>Exhibit Index</u>	18

Amounts are presented in United States of America (U.S.) dollars.

Table of Contents

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and Administrator of

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of Assurant 401(k) Plan A (the Plan) at December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2010, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule (Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (signed)

New York, New York

June 27, 2011

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

At December 31, 2010 and 2009

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
Assets		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 59,857,992	\$ 60,517,008
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	3,877,962	4,134,031
Employee contributions	159,219	200,726
Notes receivable from participants	2,612,718	2,643,123
Total receivables	6,649,899	6,977,880
Total assets	66,507,891	67,494,888
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	652	1,514
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 66,507,239	\$ 67,493,374

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Table of Contents**Assurant 401(k) Plan A****Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits****Year Ended December 31, 2010**

	Year Ended December 31, 2010
Additions	
Investment income:	
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,423,162
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	4,691,331
Interest income, notes receivable from participants	119,529
	6,234,022
Contributions:	
Employer (net of forfeitures)	3,956,303
Employee	4,063,556
	8,019,859
Other	917
Total additions	14,254,798
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	9,511,832
Loan fees paid by participants	14,325
Net transfer from Plan A to Plan B	5,714,049
Other	727
Total deductions	15,240,933
Net decrease	(986,135)
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	67,493,374
End of year	\$ 66,507,239

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Assurant 401(k) Plan A (the Plan) provides general information only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

- a. *General.* The Plan, formerly the Fortis, Inc. Employees Uniform Profit Sharing Plan, has been in existence since June 21, 1983. Effective January 1, 2001, the Fortis, Inc. Employees Uniform Profit Sharing Plan was split into two separate Plans, the Fortis 401(k) Plan A and Fortis 401(k) Plan B. Effective February 4, 2004, the Plans were renamed Assurant 401(k) Plan A and Assurant 401(k) Plan B (Plan B) (collectively, the Plans). Effective April 30, 2004, the portions of the Plans invested in Assurant, Inc. (the Plan Sponsor , the Company , or the Employer) stock were designated as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). The Plan was then amended and restated effective January 1, 2006.

The Plans are contributory defined contribution retirement plans covering substantially all employees of the Employer and its subsidiaries with participation by the employee on a voluntary basis. The Plan Administrator is the Employer s Benefit Plans Committee. The Plan covers Eligible Employees whom the Employer classifies as being in job category numbers 100 through 400 as of January 1 of the prior Plan year, or the Employee s hire date, if later. Plan B covers Eligible Employees whom the Employer classifies as being in job categories 500 through 999 as of the January 1 of the prior Plan year, or the Employee s hire date, if later. If a participant in the Plan changes to job category number 500 through 999, such participant shall automatically participate in Plan B as of the first day of the subsequent Plan Year, and his account under the Plan shall be transferred to Plan B. Conversely, if a Plan B participant s job category number changes to a job category number 100 through 400, such participant shall automatically participate in the Plan as of the first day of the subsequent Plan Year and his account under Plan B shall be transferred to the Plan. As of January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2009, net transfers of existing assets of \$5,714,049 and \$6,707,617, respectively, were made from the Plan to Plan B due to changes in employee job categories. Included in these amounts are \$368,619 and \$697,697 of employer contribution receivables which were transferred from the Plan to Plan B in 2010 and 2009, respectively, due to changes in employee job categories. Employer contribution receivables transferred in 2010 and 2009, relate to Employer contributions recorded in the years 2009 and 2008, respectively. The amount of Plan asset transfers relating to participants transferred between the Plans as of January 1, 2011 has not yet been determined. This will be determined during the third quarter of 2011.

Over time, various 401(k) plans have been merged into the Plans due to Company acquisitions. If a participant rolled over a balance under any of these plans the account is now held by the Plans and is generally subject to the Plans current rules. However, there are certain situations where the rules of the predecessor plan may apply. (See the Plan Document for details.)

- b. *Contributions.* Participants direct the investment of all contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.
- i. *Employee Contributions -* Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan at commencement of employment if they are regularly scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week. If the employee is scheduled to work less than 20 hours a week, participation may commence after completing a year of eligible service. Each participant may

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

elect to make contributions to the Plan on a pre-tax and/or after-tax basis through payroll deductions from 1% through 50% of such participant's eligible compensation for each pay period up to an annual maximum of \$16,500 for 2010. In addition, participants who are age 50 or older and have made the maximum contribution to the Plan could make an additional catch up contribution to the Plan up to an annual maximum of \$5,500 in 2010. Participants can change the rate at which they contribute at any time during the year. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans.

ii. **Employer Contributions** - The Employer contribution is discretionary. At the present time, the Plan Sponsor intends to follow the following formula to determine the Employer contribution. On or after the first day of the month following the completion of one year of eligibility service, the Employer matches a percentage of pre-tax contributions deducted from eligible pay. Participants must be actively employed on the last regularly scheduled workday of the calendar year to be eligible for the Employer contribution unless they retire, become totally disabled, die during the year or are part of a reduction in force during the 4th quarter of the calendar year. Employer contributions are based on the first 5% of eligible pay contributed by the participant on a pre-tax basis and on a participant's years of vesting service as follows: If the participant was hired or rehired after December 31, 2000 and has fewer than five years of vesting service, the Employer will contribute 100% on the first 3% of eligible pay contributed pre-tax and 50% on the next 2% of eligible pay contributed pre-tax. If the participant was employed prior to January 1, 2001 (and not rehired thereafter) or has five or more years of vesting service, the Employer will contribute 200% of the first 3% of eligible pay contributed pre-tax and 50% of the next 2% of eligible pay contributed pre-tax.

c. **Participant Accounts.** Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant's account is credited with employee contributions, Employer contributions and investment earnings and charged with the allocation of investment losses.

d. **Vesting.** A participant becomes vested in their Company Contribution Account based upon their years of vesting service. The participant will not become vested in the Company Contribution Account until they have three years of vesting service, at which time they will become 100% vested in the Company Contribution Account. In addition, a participant becomes 100% vested when they reach normal or early retirement date, when they reach the first anniversary of the date on which they became totally disabled or if they die while employed by the Employer.

e. **Participant Loans.** Participants may borrow a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 from their fund accounts, reduced by the highest outstanding balance of loans taken in the previous 12 months, and 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years or up to 10 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate of 1.0% above the Prime Rate (as reported by Reuters) in effect when the participant applies for the loan. At December 31, 2010, outstanding participant loans had interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.25%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. Related loan fees and expenses incurred by the Plan are paid by Assurant, Inc., except for a \$40-\$90 loan origination fee and a \$25 annual maintenance fee on loans initiated on or after April 1, 2003, which are paid by the loan participants.

f. **Payment of Benefits.** Upon retirement, death or disability, Plan participants or their beneficiaries are entitled to receive the total amount in the participant's account. Upon termination of employment for other than the

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

above-mentioned reasons, Plan participants will receive their contributions and their vested share of Employer contributions plus income accrued thereon, if any.

- g. *Withdrawals.* Withdrawals are permitted under certain circumstances. There are two types of withdrawals: non-hardship and hardship. A non-hardship withdrawal is available under all circumstances. Included under non-hardship withdrawals are after-tax withdrawals and age 59 1/2 withdrawals. Hardship withdrawals are available under certain circumstances for which the participant must provide documentation.
- h. *Forfeitures.* Forfeited balances of terminated participants non-vested accounts shall be first applied to restore amounts previously forfeited by non-vested former employees who have been rehired. Thereafter, any remaining forfeited balances can be used to reduce Plan administrative expenses and future Employer contributions. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, there was no forfeiture account balance. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the amount of forfeitures used to reduce Employer contributions was \$16,450.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Plan uses an exit price for its fair value measurements. An exit price is defined as the amount received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In measuring fair value, the Plan gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

Investment securities are stated at fair value. Such investment securities are composed of shares of mutual funds, money market funds and the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund all of which are valued at their year end net asset value. The net asset value is based on the closing market prices of the securities in the fund s portfolio.

Notes receivable from participants (participant loans) are stated at their unpaid principal balances.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis of accounting. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Net appreciation/depreciation in the fair value of investments includes realized gains/losses for securities sold as well as the change in unrealized gains/losses for securities held at year-end. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are recorded on the average cost method.

Benefit payments and transfers are recorded when paid.

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On December 31, 2010, the Plan adopted the amendments to existing guidance on reporting loans to participants by defined contribution pension plans. These amendments require that participant loans be classified as notes receivable from participants, which are segregated from plan investments and measured at their unpaid principal balances. The adoption of these amendments did not have an impact on the Plan's net assets available for benefits and the changes in net assets available for benefits. Prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2010 presentation.

On July 1, 2009, the Plan adopted the new guidance on GAAP. The new guidance establishes a single source of authoritative accounting and reporting guidance recognized by the Financial Accounting Standards Board for nongovernmental entities (the Codification). The Codification does not change current GAAP, but is intended to simplify user access to all authoritative GAAP by providing all the authoritative literature related to a particular topic in one place. All existing accounting standard documents will be superseded and all other accounting literature not included in the Codification will be considered non-authoritative. The adoption of the new guidance did not have an impact on the Plan's net assets available for benefits and the changes in net assets available for benefits. References to accounting guidance contained in the Plan's financial statements and disclosures have been updated to reflect terminology consistent with the Codification. Plain English references to the accounting guidance have been made.

On April 1, 2009, the Plan adopted the new guidance on determining fair value in illiquid markets. This new guidance clarifies how to estimate fair value when the volume and level of activity for an asset have significantly decreased. This new guidance also clarifies how to identify circumstances indicating that a transaction is not orderly. Under this new guidance, significant decreases in the volume and level of activity of an asset, in relation to normal market activity, requires further evaluation of transactions or quoted prices and exercise of significant judgment in arriving at fair values. This new guidance also requires additional disclosures. The adoption of this new guidance did not have an impact on the Plan's net assets available for benefits and the changes in net assets available for benefits. See Note 4 for further information regarding fair value measurements.

On January 1, 2009, the Plan adopted the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes guidance. This guidance clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. This guidance discusses the measurement, recognition, classification and disclosure of tax positions, along with the accounting for the related interest and penalty. The Plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (see Note 7) and the Plan will continue to accrue for liabilities relating to uncertain tax positions only when such liabilities are probable and reasonably estimated. Accordingly, the adoption of this guidance did not have an impact on the Plan's net assets available for benefits and the changes in net assets available for benefits.

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

4. Fair Value Measurements

The fair value measurements and disclosures guidance defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, creates a fair value hierarchy based on the quality of inputs used to measure fair value and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In accordance with this guidance, the Plan has categorized its recurring basis financial assets based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique, into a three-level fair value hierarchy.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

The levels of the fair value hierarchy and its application to the Plan's financial assets are described below:

Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access. Financial assets utilizing Level 1 inputs include mutual funds.

Level 2 inputs utilize other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable in the marketplace for the asset. Financial assets utilizing Level 2 inputs include the Assurant Inc., Stock Fund.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable but are significant to the fair value measurement for the asset, and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset. These inputs reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset. There are no financial assets utilizing Level 3 inputs.

A review of fair value hierarchy classifications is conducted on a quarterly basis. Changes in the observability of valuation inputs may result in a reclassification of levels for certain securities within the fair value hierarchy.

There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 financial assets in 2010.

Table of Contents**Assurant 401(k) Plan A****Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2010 and 2009**

The following table presents the Plan's fair value hierarchy for those recurring basis assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2010.

Financial Assets	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds:				
Balanced funds	\$ 16,358,494	\$ 16,358,494	\$	\$
Index fund	6,599,209	6,599,209		
Fixed income fund	6,386,895	6,386,895		
U.S. large cap funds	9,855,159	9,855,159		
U.S. small cap fund	3,823,678	3,823,678		
International fund	4,072,469	4,072,469		
Money market fund	11,360,946	11,360,946		
Assurant Inc. Stock Fund	1,401,142		1,401,142	
Total Financial Assets	\$ 59,857,992	\$ 58,456,850	\$ 1,401,142	\$

The following table presents the Plan's fair value hierarchy for those recurring basis assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2009.

Financial Assets	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds:				
Balanced funds	\$ 14,983,794	\$ 14,983,794	\$	\$
Index fund	6,866,435	6,866,435		
Fixed income fund	6,601,228	6,601,228		
U.S. large cap funds	10,254,685	10,254,685		
U.S. small cap fund	3,334,588	3,334,588		
International fund	4,219,266	4,219,266		
Money market fund	13,298,708	13,298,708		
Assurant Inc. Stock Fund	958,304		958,304	
Total Financial Assets	\$ 60,517,008	\$ 59,558,704	\$ 958,304	\$

The fair value measurements and disclosures guidance describes three different valuation techniques to be used in determining fair value for financial assets and liabilities: the market, income or cost approaches. The three valuation techniques are consistent with generally accepted valuation methodologies. The market approach valuation techniques use prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets. When possible, quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets are used as of the period-end date (such as for mutual funds).

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

While not all three approaches are applicable to all financial assets, where appropriate, one or more valuation techniques may be used. For all the financial assets included in the above hierarchy, the market valuation technique is used. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the application of the valuation technique applied to similar assets has been consistent.

The Plan Sponsor evaluates the following factors in order to determine whether the market for a financial asset is inactive. The factors include, but are not limited to:

There are few recent transactions,

Little information is released publicly,

The available prices vary significantly over time or among market participants,

The prices are stale (i.e., not current), and

The magnitude of the bid-ask spread.

Illiquidity did not have an impact in the fair value determination of the Plan's financial assets.

The Plan obtains one price for each investment. The Plan Sponsor reviews the month-end prices received from the Plan administrator for the Plan's investments to validate that the month-end net asset value was used to price each investment. As a result of this analysis, if the Plan Sponsor determines that the month-end net asset value was not used by the Plan administrator to price the Plan's investments based upon available market data, which happens infrequently, the price of the investment would be adjusted accordingly.

5. Investments

The Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (Vanguard) is the trustee of the Plan. The Plan's investments are held in a nondiscretionary trust.

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Plan held the following investments whose fair values represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits:

Fair value at December 31, 2010:

American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund - Class R-5 (97,424 shares)	\$ 4,024,568
American Funds Growth Fund of America - Class R-4 (178,136 shares)	5,377,916
PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional Class (586,548 shares)	6,364,044
T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund - Retail Class (111,057 shares)	3,823,678
Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Investor Shares (55,893 shares)	6,473,553
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund (11,360,946 shares)	11,360,946

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

Fair value at December 31, 2009:

American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund - Class R-5 (110,221 shares)	\$ 4,219,266
American Funds Growth Fund of America - Class R-4 (202,575 shares)	5,491,800
PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional Class (611,225 shares)	6,601,228
Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Investor Shares (66,879 shares)	6,866,435
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund (13,298,708 shares)	13,298,708
Vanguard STAR Fund (494,895 shares)	8,680,452

The Plan's investments (including realized gains and losses on investments sold during the year), appreciated in value by \$4,691,331 in 2010, as follows:

	Net Appreciation in Fair Value
Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund	\$ 346,691
Registered investment companies	4,344,640
	\$ 4,691,331

6. Plan Amendments

There were no significant amendments to the Plan during the years ended December 31, 2010 or 2009.

7. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated February 12, 2009, stating that the Plan is qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, a plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The Plan Sponsor believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and therefore believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt. Since the trust is exempt from taxation, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2005.

8. Plan Termination

The Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions, though no such termination is planned. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the Benefit Plans Committee shall direct the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund. In the event of Plan termination, all participants would become 100% vested in all of their accounts.

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

9. Related Parties

A substantial portion of the Plan's investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Vanguard. Vanguard is the trustee as defined by the Plan and therefore the buying and selling of such shares would qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Loan fees paid by participants of \$14,325 for the year ended December 31, 2010, represent loan origination and maintenance fees paid to Vanguard by Plan participants.

The Plan Sponsor pays for certain expenses related to the Plans. These expenses include asset management fees to registered investment companies other than Vanguard and legal fees. During 2010, the Plan Sponsor paid \$364,049 to Vanguard for administration fees and approximately \$41,351 for legal expenses related to the Plans.

A participant may change the investment of any portion of the participant's account that is invested in the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund into one or more other investment funds at any time in accordance with Plan rules.

Effective April 30, 2004, the Plan Sponsor established an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) as a component of the Plan. Under the ESOP, the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund became an available investment option for participants of the Plan. This program allows participants to transfer up to 25% of their current account balance into the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund as well as allocate up to 25% of future contributions to the fund.

Each participant who has any portion of his account invested in the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund may elect to have dividends paid on Assurant, Inc. stock held in his account either paid to him in cash or to have such dividends reinvested in the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund. Each participant will be 100% vested at all times in any cash dividends that he elects to have either reinvested in the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund or paid to him.

When any participant who has not made an election regarding payment of dividends first invests into the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund, he shall be given the opportunity to make such an election. If a participant fails to make such an election, any dividends paid on the Assurant, Inc. stock will be reinvested in the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund.

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Plan held 36,374 and 32,507 shares, respectively, of common stock of Assurant, Inc., with a fair value of \$1,401,142 and \$958,304, respectively, and a cost basis of \$1,298,071 and \$1,169,576 respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Plan recorded dividend income of \$21,803 from the investment in Assurant, Inc. common stock.

Table of Contents

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010 and 2009

10. Risks and Uncertainties

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate fluctuations, market volatility and credit quality. The market, credit, investment, and liquidity risks associated with each of the mutual funds in which the Plan invests are described in the prospectus and statement of additional information for each of the mutual funds. The Plan is subject to such risks as a result of its investment in the mutual funds.

The price of securities held by the Fund may decline in response to certain events, including those directly involving the companies whose securities are owned by the Fund; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional or global political, social or economic instability; and currency, interest rate and commodity price fluctuations. The growth-oriented, equity-type securities generally purchased by the Fund may involve large price swings and potential for loss.

Investments in securities issued by entities based outside the United States may be subject to the risk described above and may also be affected by currency controls; different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and legal standards and practices in some countries; expropriation; changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; differing securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries.

Concentration of investment risk

At December 31, 2010, Plan participants' accounts that are invested in the Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund are exposed to market risk since a significant decline in the market value of Assurant, Inc. common stock could occur.

Table of Contents**Assurant 401(k) Plan A****Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2010 and 2009****11. Reconciliation of Plan Financial Statements to Form 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements as of December 31, 2010 and 2009.

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 66,507,239	\$ 67,493,374
Less: Deemed distributions from current year	(24,740)	(11,377)
Less: Deemed distributions from prior years	(2,052)	(23,494)
Plus: Deemed distributions from prior years transferred to Plan B		10,955
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	\$ 66,480,447	\$ 67,469,458

Deemed distributions are loans in default and are determined to be uncollectible. There were \$24,740 of deemed distributions in 2010.

Table of Contents

Supplemental Schedule

Table of Contents**Assurant 401(k) Plan A****Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)****At December 31, 2010**

Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of Investment Including Number of Shares/Units, Maturity Date and Rate of Interest	Cost	Current Value
Common stock			
Assurant, Inc. Stock Fund (1)	36,374 shares	\$ 1,298,071	\$ 1,401,142
Registered investment companies			
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund - Class R-5	97,424 shares	3,674,723	4,024,568
American Funds Growth Fund of America - Class R-4	178,136 shares	4,548,041	5,377,916
PIMCO Total Return Fund - Institutional Class	586,548 shares	6,265,222	6,364,044
T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund - Retail Class	111,057 shares	3,224,411	3,823,678
Vanguard 500 Index Fund - Investor Shares (1)	55,893 shares	6,024,320	6,473,553
Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund - Investor Shares (1)	3,045 shares	115,034	125,656
Vanguard Growth and Income Fund - Investor Shares (1)	71,979 shares	1,872,145	1,895,197
Vanguard Target Retirement 2005 Fund (1)	29,454 shares	339,605	345,500
Vanguard Target Retirement 2010 Fund (1)	30,713 shares	646,124	685,202
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund (1)	165,518 shares	1,961,193	2,055,727
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund (1)	109,969 shares	2,265,371	2,430,318
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund (1)	262,735 shares	3,099,042	3,315,711
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund (1)	104,497 shares	2,087,878	2,265,488
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund (1)	130,731 shares	1,539,776	1,711,269
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund (1)	72,346 shares	1,394,527	1,555,449
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund (1)	91,137 shares	1,086,537	1,230,355
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund (1)	26,235 shares	495,180	561,425
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (1)	17,912 shares	188,587	202,050
Vanguard Windsor II Fund - Investor Shares (1)	100,586 shares	2,637,244	2,582,046
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund - Investor Shares (1)	2,156 shares	23,452	22,851
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund	3,039 shares	46,975	47,901
Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund (1)	11,360,946 shares	11,360,946	11,360,946
Total registered investment companies		54,896,333	58,456,850
Total investments		\$ 56,194,404	\$ 59,857,992
Notes receivable from participants (1)	Interest rates range from 4.25% to 9.25% with maturities through 2019	\$ 2,612,718	\$ 2,612,718

(1) Party-in-interest

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Administrator of the Assurant, Inc. 401(k) Plan A has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Assurant 401(k) Plan A

Date: June 28, 2011

By: /s/ Robyn Price Stonehill
Name: *Robyn Price Stonehill*
Title: **SVP, Compensation and Benefits,**

Member of the Benefit Plans Committee

(Plan Administrator)

Table of Contents

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	EXHIBIT NAME	PAGE NUMBER
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	19