

Knight W. Gordon  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Knight W. Gordon

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS LTD [AWH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres, US Ops, Dst & Mkt, AWNAC

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS, LTD, 27 RICHMOND ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/26/2009

PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM 08

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	02/26/2009		F	845 (1) D	\$ 38.41	9,535 (2)	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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/26/2009		A	5,000 (3)	(4) (4)	Common Shares	2,500 (3)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Knight W. Gordon ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO HOLDINGS, LTD 27 RICHMOND ROAD PEMBROKE, BERMUDA, D0 HM 08			Pres, US Ops, Dst & Mkt, AWNAC	

## Signatures

/s/ Wesley D. Dupont, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 03/02/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Exclusively represents shares withheld by the Company with respect to the payment of withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Includes 380 Common Shares of the Company acquired on December 31, 2008 pursuant to the Company's 2008 Employee Share Purchase Plan.
- (3) Grant of Restricted Stock Units for no monetary consideration. 5,000 Restricted Stock Units convert into (i) 2,500 Common Shares of the Company and (ii) cash equal to the market value of 2,500 Common Shares (measured at the date of vesting) upon the vesting of such Restricted Stock Units.
- (4) The Restricted Stock Units vest in four equal annual installments with the first installment vesting on February 26, 2010.

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