

McElroy John Justin  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
McElroy John Justin

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, AG, LINDENSTRASSE 8  
  
(Street)

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

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

BAAR/ZUG, V8 CH-6340  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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                              | 4,500   | \$ 31.47  | A  | D                                 |
| Common Shares                   | 03/14/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,500   | \$ 71   | D  | 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 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/01/2014                     | Common Shares   | 4,500                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McElroy John Justin<br>ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE CO. HOLDINGS, AG<br>LINDENSTRASSE 8<br>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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