ASSURED GUARANTY LTD

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Bailenson Robert

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD

[AGO]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

02/05/2014

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD., 30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title

X 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

HAMILTON, D0 HM08

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A) Transaction(s)

Price

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Other (specify

(Instr. 4)

Common Shares

(Instr. 3)

02/05/2014

Code Amount

Α

(D) 15,425 Α <u>(1)</u>

or

142,229.9601

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 |
| Performance Share Units | (2) (3) | 02/05/2014 | | A | 13,354 | (2)(3) | (2)(3) | Common Shares | 13,354 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bailenson Robert ASSURED GUARANTY LTD. 30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE HAMILTON, D0 HM08

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

By: Ling Chow, Attorney-in-fact

02/07/2014

**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).
- Restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). With limited (1) exceptions, the restricted stock units vest on 2/5/2017, assuming that the holder remains employed at such time. Upon vesting, one Common Share will be delivered for each vested restricted stock unit.
- Performance share units awarded pursuant to the Plan. Each performance share unit represents a contingent right to receive one Common Share of the Company. With limited exceptions, the performance share units vest on 2/5/2017, if at all, at the end of the performance period (1/1/2014 to 12/31/2016), assuming that the holder remains employed at such time, based on the Company's Common Share price using the highest 40-day average stock price during the three year performance period as follows: 200% if the share price reaches \$36; 100% if the share price reaches \$32; and 35% if the share price reaches \$28 (with interpolation between those prices). If the share price does not reach \$28, none of the performance share units will vest.
- To the extent unvested performance share units do not become vested units at the end of the applicable performance period as described above, such unvested performance share units will expire at the end of such performance period. Upon vesting, one Common Share will be delivered for each vested performance share unit.
- (4) Total includes performance share units from other tranches with different performance measures, performance periods and vesting dates. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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