

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD
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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 *
Albert Howard

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)
31 WEST 52ND STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/07/2016

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Risk Officer

NEW YORK, NY 10019

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Shares | 02/07/2016 | | F | 1,047 (1) D \$ 23.73 | 128,412.4953 | D | |
| Common Shares | 02/07/2016 | | M | 4,699 (2) A \$ 0 | 133,111.4953 | D | |
| Common Shares | 02/07/2016 | | F | 1,731 (1) D \$ 23.73 | 132,353.4953 (3) | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Share Units | \$ 0 | 02/07/2016 | | M | 2,750 | (2) (2) | Common Shares | 2,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Albert Howard 31 WEST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | | Chief Risk Officer | |

Signatures

by: Ling Chow,
Attorney-in-fact

02/09/2016

__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) Common Shares being withheld to pay tax liability.

(2) Performance share units awarded pursuant to the Assured Guaranty 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Using the highest 40-day average stock price during the performance period (1/1/13 to 12/31/2015), 170.88% of the performance share units granted became vested. The number of Common Shares delivered equals the number of performance share units granted multiplied by 170.88%.

(3) Total includes 490 shares purchased on 06/30/2015 and 483 shares purchased on 12/31/2015 pursuant to the Assured Guaranty Ltd. Employee Stock Purchase Plan which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

(4) Total includes performance share units from other tranches with different performance measures, performance periods and vesting dates. This total does not include 58,297 outstanding options (after taking into account 15,000 options that expired on February 2, 2016).

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