

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
MICHENER JAMES M

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)  
30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE  
(Street)

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
General Counsel and Secretary

HAMILTON, D0 HM08

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or Price (D)   |  |  |
| Common Shares                   | 02/07/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 2,322 (1) \$ 23.73  | D  | 285,727.0005 D                             |
| Common Shares                   | 02/07/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 13,670 (2) \$ 0   | A  | 299,397.0005 D                             |
| Common Shares                   | 02/07/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 4,193 (1) \$ 23.73  | D  | 295,204.0005 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                              | 8,000   | (2) (2)  | Common Shares   | 8,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| MICHENER JAMES M<br>30 WOODBOURNE AVENUE<br>HAMILTON, D0 HM08 |               |           | General Counsel and Secretary |       |

## 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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (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 performance share units from other tranches with different performance measures, performance periods and vesting dates. This total does not include 146,962 outstanding options (after taking into account 50,000 options that expired on February 2, 2016).

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