

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD
Form 4
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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)
03/02/2017

___ 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 (D) | Price |
| Common Shares | 03/02/2017 | | M | | 30,000 | A | \$ 23.27 |
| Common Shares | 03/02/2017 | | F | | 22,838 | D | \$ 41.16 (1) |
| Common Shares | 03/02/2017 | | M | | 40,000 | A | \$ 19.79 |
| Common Shares | 03/02/2017 | | F | | 28,597 | D | \$ 41.16 (1) |
| | 03/02/2017 | | M | | | A | 341,142.0005 |

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| Common Shares | | | | 8,964 <u>(2)</u> | | \$ 17.44 | |
| Common Shares | 03/02/2017 | | F | 6,133 | D | \$ 41.16 <u>(1)</u> | 335,009.0005 D |
| Common Shares | 03/02/2017 | | M | 10,398 <u>(2)</u> | A | \$ 19.24 | 345,407.0005 D |
| Common Shares | 03/02/2017 | | F | 7,362 | D | \$ 41.16 <u>(1)</u> | 338,045.0005 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Options to Acquire Common Shares | \$ 23.27 | 03/02/2017 | | M | 30,000 | <u>(3)</u> 02/14/2018 | Common Shares 30,000 |
| Options to Acquire Common Shares | \$ 19.79 | 03/02/2017 | | M | 40,000 | <u>(5)</u> 02/24/2020 | Common Shares 40,000 |
| Options to Acquire Common Shares | \$ 17.44 | 03/02/2017 | | M | 8,964 <u>(2)</u> | 02/09/2015 02/09/2019 | Common Shares 8,964 |
| | \$ 19.24 | 03/02/2017 | | M | | 02/07/2016 02/07/2020 | 10,398 |

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| Options to Acquire Common Shares | 10,398 <u>(2)</u> | Common Shares |
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Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ By: Ling Chow,
Attorney-in-fact

03/06/2017

__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) Represents the payment of the exercise price and withholding taxes of an employee stock option through the attestation of previously owned shares. The price is equal to the fair market value of the Common Shares on the date of exercise and is used to determine the value of the shares delivered to the Company by attestation of previously owned shares in payment of the exercise price and withholding taxes.
 - (2) Reflects the amount of options that vested in accordance with the performance measures described in the Form 4 reporting the grant.
 - (3) Options vested as follows: 1/3 on February 14, 2009, 1/3 on February 14, 2010 and 1/3 on February 14, 2011.

All options of this tranche have been exercised. The Reporting Person no longer holds any options of any tranche (after taking into
 - (4) account options exercised on 3/2/2017). The total number of performance share units from tranches with different performance measures, performance periods and vesting dates is 50,779.
 - (5) Options vested as follows: 1/3 on February 24, 2011, 1/3 on February 24, 2012 and 1/3 on February 24, 2013.

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