

AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
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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 \*  
 LINDNER S CRAIG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE EAST FOURTH STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/13/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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  | (D)  | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 0   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/08/2006                           |  | G                              | V   | 2,715   | D  | \$ 0                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 234,911   | I  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 50,713  | I  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,248  | I  |                                   |

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|              |            |  |   |                       |   |           |   |                     |
|--------------|------------|--|---|-----------------------|---|-----------|---|---------------------|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                       |   | 15,248    | I | #6 <sup>(5)</sup>   |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                       |   | 15,248    | I | #7 <sup>(6)</sup>   |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                       |   | 96,881    | I | #8 <sup>(7)</sup>   |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                       |   | 680,029   | I | #9 <sup>(8)</sup>   |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2006 |  | J | 65,722 <sup>(9)</sup> | A | 1,000,000 | I | #10 <sup>(10)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                       |   | 0         | I | #11 <sup>(11)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                       |   | 16,240.88 | I | #12 <sup>(12)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |                       |   | 1,859,331 | I | #13 <sup>(13)</sup> |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V (A) (D)   |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

LINDNER S CRAIG  
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET X Co-CEO & Co-President  
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

## Signatures

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact 03/15/2006

\_\_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) Indirect #1: By S. Craig Lindner, Trustee for the S. Craig Lindner Living Trust dated 3/30/83.
- (2) Indirect #2: Malott Nyhart, Trustee of the SCL 1996-2 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 3/28/96.
- (3) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner Living Trust dated 9/13/93.
- (4) Indirect #5: Corinne E. Lindner, TTEE, CEL 2002 Living Trust DTD 11/14/02.
- (5) Indirect #6: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Custodian for minor child.
- (6) Indirect #7: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Custodian for minor child.
- (7) Indirect #8: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irrevocable Trust Indenture with Frances R. Lindner dated 2/13/85.
- (8) Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83.
- (9) Reflects 65,722 shares indirectly acquired through a family limited liability company. The Reporting Person disclaims a beneficial interest in shares held in the LLC except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such shares.
- (10) Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC
- (11) Indirect #11: Frances R. Lindner
- Indirect #12: The Company Retirement and Savings Account. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by
- (12) the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/2005.
- (13) Indirect #13: SCL, TTEE of the SCL 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/21/05.

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