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3 ISS Recommendation: A Vote Against Combined Chairman of the Board and CEO Roles • ISS proxy advisory services is recommending shareholders vote “Against” Allied World’s combined Chairman of the Board and CEO roles, stating that “ISS favors the separation of the chairman and chief executive roles in principle” For continental European companies, ISS will generally vote against the combined Chairman and CEO roles Our understanding is that for U.S. domiciled companies, ISS supports the combined Chairman and CEO roles if there is a sufficient counterbalancing governance structure in place

4 Allied World's View: A Vote For Combined Chairman/CEO Roles • Allied World is recommending that shareholders approve Scott Carmilani to serve as Chairman of the Board until the Annual Shareholder Meeting in 2016 • Scott Carmilani has served as Chairman of the Board of Allied World since January 2008 • Under Scott Carmilani's leadership as Chairman of the Board, President and CEO, Allied World has achieved considerable growth by expanding operations globally and has delivered superior value creation to shareholders (see slide 6) • Allied World has a strong counterbalancing governance structure (see slide 5) • For further information, please see Proposal 8 (page 31) in the company's Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 13, 2015

5 Strong Counterbalancing Governance Structure • Lead Independent Director – Bart Friedman • Lead Independent Director has clearly delineated and comprehensive duties typically held by a non-executive Chairman, including approving meeting agendas and schedules for the Board (see page 26 of the Proxy Statement) • Independent directors – six of seven continuing directors are independent • All active Board committees are comprised solely of independent directors Scott Carmilani, Chairman of the Board, is not a member of any of the following key committees of the Board of Directors: Audit Compensation Enterprise Risk Investment Nominating & Corporate Governance

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