

Stern Bruce E.
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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 *
Stern Bruce E.

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)
1633 BROADWAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/04/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Shares | 02/04/2018 | | F | 5,860 (1) D \$ 35.19 | 120,550.3073 (2) | D | |
| Common Shares | 02/04/2018 | | M | 23,456 (3) A \$ 0 | 144,006.3073 | D | |
| Common Shares | 02/04/2018 | | F | 11,487 (1) D \$ 35.19 | 132,519.3073 | 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 |
| Performance Share Units | (3) | 02/04/2018 | (3) | M | 11,728 | (3) | (3) | Common Shares | 11,728 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stern Bruce E. 1633 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10019 | | | Executive Officer | |

Signatures

/s/Ling Chow,
Attorney-in-fact

02/06/2018

**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) Total includes 641 shares purchased on 06/30/2017 pursuant to the Assured Guaranty Ltd. Employee Stock Purchase Plan which meets the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

(3) Performance share units awarded pursuant to the Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Using the highest 40-day average stock price during the performance period (7/1/2016 to 12/31/2017), 200.00% of the performance share units granted became vested. The number of Common Shares delivered equals the number of performance share units granted multiplied by 200.00%.

(4) Total includes performance units from other tranches with different performance measures, performance periods and vesting dates, but does not include 30,694 outstanding options.

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