ASSURED GUARANTY LTD
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
McCarthy Sean

(Last) (First) (Middle)

31 WEST 52ND STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASSURED GUARANTY LTD [AGO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/01/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Pres. and COO of Subsidiary*

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	07/01/2009		I		130,000 (1)	A	(1)	130,000 (1)	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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Options	$ 12.66	07/01/2009		A		100,000		(2)	07/01/2019	Common Shares	100,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McCarthy Sean 31 WEST 52ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10019			Pres. and COO of Subsidiary*	

Signatures

James M. Michener, Attorney-in-fact	07/02/2009
**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) This acquisition reflects an irrevocable election to have share units under a Financial Security Assurance Holdings, Ltd. supplemental employee retirement plan ("SERP") credited with share units ("Assured Share Units") of Assured Guaranty Ltd ("Assured"). The Assured Share Units represent the right to receive Assured Common Shares at the time of the reporting person's distribution of benefits from the SERP in accordance with the terms of the SERP and such Assured Share Units may not be transferred into an alternative investment account.

(2) Stock option award pursuant to Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long Term Incentive Plan. The stock options vest as follows: 1/3 on the first anniversary date of the award, 1/3 on the second anniversary date of the award and 1/3 on the third anniversary date of the award.

Remarks:

*Mr. McCarthy is president and chief operating officer of Assured Guaranty US Holdings, Inc.

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