

ASSURED GUARANTY LTD

Form 4

February 26, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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Section 16.  
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See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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)  
02/24/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
General Counsel and Secretary

HAMILTON, D0 HM08

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

(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)
Common Shares	02/24/2016		A	20,593 A <u>(1)</u>	315,797.0005	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)**

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	(2) (3)	02/24/2016		Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable (2)(3) Expiration Date (2)(3)	Title Common Shares	20,593

## 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 02/26/2016

\_\_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) Restricted stock units awarded pursuant to the Assured Guaranty Ltd. 2004 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). With limited exceptions, the restricted stock units vest on 2/24/2019, assuming that the holder remains employed at such time. Upon vesting, one Common Share will be delivered for each vested restricted stock unit.

(2) Performance share units awarded pursuant to the Plan. Each performance share unit represents a contingent right to receive one Common Share of the Company. With limited exceptions, the performance share units vest on 2/24/2019, if at all, at the end of the performance period (7/1/2017 to 12/31/2018), assuming that the holder remains employed at such time, based on the Company's Common Share price using the highest 40-day average stock price during the performance period as follows: 200% if the share price reaches \$36; 100% if the share price reaches \$32; and 50% if the share price reaches \$28 (with interpolation between those prices). If the share price does not reach \$28, none of the performance share units will vest.

(3) To the extent unvested performance share units do not become vested units at the end of the applicable performance period as described above, such unvested performance share units will expire at the end of such performance period. Upon vesting, one Common Share will be delivered for each vested performance share unit.

(4) Total includes performance units from other tranches with different performance measures, performance periods and vesting dates, but does not include 146,962 outstanding options of various tranches.

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