

Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 1, 2014**

**ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY HOLDINGS, AG**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Switzerland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**001-32938**  
(Commission File Number)

**Lindenstrasse 8**

**98-0681223**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**6340 Baar**

**Zug, Switzerland**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 41-41-768-1080**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG (the Company) held its 2014 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on May 1, 2014 (the 2014 Annual Shareholder Meeting). At the 2014 Annual Shareholder Meeting, the Company's shareholders approved the proposals listed in Item 5.07. The amendments to the Company's Articles of Association (the Articles of Association) to (1) elect annually (i) each director individually, (ii) the Chairman of the Company's board of directors (the Board), (iii) the members of the Compensation Committee, and (iv) the independent proxy (Proposal 1); (2) effect a 3-for-1 split of the Company's common shares (Proposal 12); and (3) extend the Board's ability to issue authorized share capital until May 1, 2016 (Proposal 13) are effective immediately and are reflected in the Company's amended and restated Articles of Association attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The amendments to the Articles of Association to reduce the Company's share capital through the cancellation of a portion of shares held in treasury (Proposal 10) will become effective upon the registration of such amendment with the Commercial Register in the Canton of Zug, Switzerland, at which time the Company will file amended and restated Articles of Association.

**Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

The Company's shareholders considered the following proposals, each of which is described in greater detail in the Company's definitive proxy statement dated March 14, 2014.

**Proposal 1      Approval of Amendments to the Articles of Association for Annual Elections**

The Company's shareholders approved amendments to the Articles of Association to elect annually (i) each director individually, (ii) the Chairman of the Board, (iii) the members of the Compensation Committee and (iv) the independent proxy.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
26,199,815	893	144,808	2,140,201

**Proposal 2      Election of Directors**

The Company's shareholders elected the following directors to hold office until the Company's Annual Shareholder Meeting in 2015:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Barbara T. Alexander	26,184,552	16,221	144,743	2,140,201
Scott A. Carmilani	25,628,300	487,189	200,027	2,140,201
James F. Duffy	26,151,879	48,862	114,775	2,140,201
Bart Friedman	26,066,590	134,067	114,859	2,140,201
Scott Hunter	26,152,021	48,720	114,775	2,140,201
Patrick de Saint-Aignan	26,184,946	15,795	114,775	2,140,201
Eric S. Schwartz	26,156,072	15,050	144,394	2,140,201
Samuel J. Weinhoff	26,185,587	15,070	114,859	2,140,201

**Proposal 3      Election of Chairman of the Board**

The Company's shareholders elected Scott A. Carmilani as the Chairman of the Board to hold office until the Company's Annual Shareholder Meeting in 2015.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
21,695,067	4,420,422	200,027	2,140,201

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**Proposal 4**      **Election of Compensation Committee Members**

The Company's shareholders elected the following directors as members of the Compensation Committee of the Board to serve until the Company's Annual Shareholder Meeting in 2015:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Barbara T. Alexander	26,185,827	14,980	114,709	2,140,201
James F. Duffy	26,156,409	44,413	114,694	2,140,201
Bart Friedman	26,100,656	100,082	114,778	2,140,201
Scott Hunter	26,186,087	14,735	114,694	2,140,201
Patrick de Saint-Aignan	26,183,822	14,452	117,242	2,140,201
Eric S. Schwartz	26,154,429	14,226	146,861	2,140,201
Samuel J. Weinhoff	26,156,956	43,782	114,778	2,140,201

**Proposal 5**      **Election of the Independent Proxy**

The Company's shareholders elected Buis Buergi AG as the independent proxy to serve at and until the conclusion of the Company's Annual Shareholder Meeting in 2015.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
28,288,675	3,000	117,168	46,874

**Proposal 6**      **Advisory Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation**

The Company's shareholders approved an advisory vote on the Company's named executive officer compensation.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
25,843,726	326,578	145,212	2,140,201

**Proposal 7**      **Approval of the Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements**

The Company's shareholders approved the Company's 2013 Annual Report and its consolidated financial statements and audited statutory financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
28,046,108	1,760	407,849

**Proposal 8**      **Approval of Retention of Disposable Profits**

The Company's shareholders approved the retention of disposable profits.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
28,335,212	2,052	118,453



Proposal 9      Approval of Dividend Payments

The Company's shareholders approved the payment of dividends to the Company's shareholders from general legal reserve from capital contributions.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
28,338,627	1,035	116,055

Proposal 10      Approval of Cancellation of Treasury Shares

The Company's shareholders approved an amendment to the Articles of Association to reduce the Company's share capital through the cancellation of a portion of shares held in treasury.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
28,336,507	1,866	117,344

Proposal 11      Approval of New Share Repurchase Program

The Company's shareholders approved a new \$500 million share repurchase program.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
21,094,787	5,004,794	215,935	2,140,201

Proposal 12      Approval of 3-for-1 Split of Common Shares

The Company's shareholders approved a 3-for-1 split of the Company's common shares.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
28,288,653	3,768	116,422	46,874

Proposal 13      Approval of Extension of Board's Ability to Issue Authorized Share Capital

The Company's shareholders approved an amendment to the Articles of Association to extend the Board's ability to issue authorized share capital until May 1, 2016.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
26,892,619	1,369,662	146,562	46,874

Proposal 14      Election of Auditors

The Company's shareholders elected Deloitte & Touche Ltd. as the Company's independent auditor and Deloitte AG as the Company's statutory auditor, each to serve until the Company's Annual Shareholder Meeting in 2015.

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<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
28,203,023	137,400	115,294

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Proposal 15      Election of Special Auditor

The Company's shareholders elected PricewaterhouseCoopers AG as the Company's special auditor to serve until the Company's Annual Shareholder Meeting in 2015.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
28,302,876	37,315	115,526

Proposal 16      Approval of Granting a Discharge

The Company's shareholders approved a discharge to the Company's Board and executive officers from liabilities for their actions during the year ended December 31, 2013.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
26,030,111	11,075	274,330	2,140,201

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits*

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Articles of Association of Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG, as amended and restated.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY  
HOLDINGS, AG**

Dated: May 2, 2014

By: /s/ Wesley D. Dupont  
Name: Wesley D. Dupont  
Title: Executive Vice President & General Counsel

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