

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

110 PITTS BAY ROAD

(Street)

PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD [ASI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/08/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_X\_ 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 Stock	01/08/2010		S		232,100	D	\$ 14.2183 (2)
							1,489,874
							I
							See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	01/11/2010		S		22,501	D	\$ 14.1093 (3)
							1,467,373
							I
							See Footnote (1)

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. 110 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08		X		
Argo Re, Ltd. 110 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, D0 HM 08		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Jay S. Bullock, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.

01/12/2010

\_\_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) All of these shares are owned by wholly owned subsidiaries of Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd., including 1,317,373 of which are owned directly by Argo Re, Ltd. The transactions reported herein all relate to shares owned directly by Argo Re, Ltd.  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.18 to \$14.2533. The reporting person undertakes to provide to American Safety Insurance Holdings Ltd., any security holder of American Safety Insurance Holdings Ltd., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form 4.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.10 to \$14.22.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.10 to \$14.22.

**Remarks:**

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 99 - Joint Filer Information

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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