

AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE HOLDINGS LTD
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FORM 4

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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 *
 William Clarence Tepe

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE, 100 GALLERIA PKWY., #700

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(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)
 03/04/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CFO/Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/04/2008 | | A | | 2,632 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 0 2,632 D |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,500 | | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Options (right to buy) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 17.95 | 03/04/2008 | | A | 11,766 | 03/04/2011 03/04/2018 | Common Stock | 11,766 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 17.95 | | | | | 03/04/2009 ⁽³⁾ 03/04/2018 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 19.05 | | | | | 03/15/2008 ⁽³⁾ 03/15/2017 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 16.18 | | | | | 11/14/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 11/14/2015 | Common Stock | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

William Clarence Tepe
C/O AMERICAN SAFETY INSURANCE
100 GALLERIA PKWY., #700
ATLANTA, GA 30339

CFO/Treasurer

Signatures

William C. Tepe 03/25/2008

**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 Awards pursuant to the Company's 2008 Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan, which vest 25% on the first and second anniversary of the date of grant and 50% on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

The options are performance stock options. The options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant based on the achievement of established three year growth and profitability targets. 100% of the options listed above will vest if a performance level equal to 120% of the established targets is achieved. Achievement of performance levels between 80% and 120% of target results in vesting of a reduced percentage of the options based on a sliding scale. None of the options will vest if a performance level of less than 80% of the targets is achieved.
- (3) These options have a three-year vesting schedule, pursuant to which the shares underlying the options shall vest in one-third increments commencing one year after the date of grant. The date shown is the date the first vested number of shares becomes/became exercisable.
- (4) These options cliff vest on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

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