

Newman David John
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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 *
 Newman David John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Darwin Professional Underwriters Inc [DR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/20/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 S.V.P. --Chief Underwriting

9 FARM SPRINGS ROAD

(Street)

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

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

FARMINGTON, CT 06032

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	10/20/2008		D ⁽¹⁾		131,657 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	10/20/2008		D		4,500	I	by spouse
Common Stock	10/20/2008		D		600	I	by minor child

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
Employee stock options	\$ 22.56	10/20/2008		D	9,806	<u>(3)</u> 02/27/2018	common stock	9,806
employee stock options	\$ 25.3	10/20/2008		D	5,869	<u>(5)</u> 02/23/2017	common stock	5,869
employee stock options	\$ 16	10/20/2008		D	10,833	<u>(6)</u> 05/19/2016	common stock	10,833

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Newman David John 9 FARM SPRINGS ROAD FARMINGTON, CT 06032			S.V.P. --Chief Underwriting	

Signatures

David J. Newman, by Timothy J. Curry
attorney-in-fact

10/21/2008

**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) Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 27, 2008, by and among Darwin Professional Underwriters, Inc. (the "Company"), Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd and Allied World Merger Company (the "Merger Agreement"), in exchange for a cash payment of \$32.00 per share of the Company's common stock (the "Common Stock") held by the reporting person.
- (2) Total includes restricted shares of Common Stock which were accelerated and converted into right to receive \$32.00 per share in cash pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

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- (3) These options, which provided for vesting in four equal installments beginning on 02/27/2008, were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash payment representing the difference between the exercise price and \$32.00 per share, the merger consideration under the Merger Agreement.
- (4) Employee stock options previously granted under the Company's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), exercisable at a fair market value determined in accordance with the Plan.
- (5) These options, which provided for vesting in four equal installments beginning on 02/23/2007, were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash payment representing the difference between the exercise price and \$32.00 per share, the merger consideration under the Merger Agreement.
- (6) These options, which provided for vesting in four equal installments beginning on 05/19/2006, were cancelled pursuant to the Merger Agreement in exchange for cash payment representing the difference between the exercise price and \$32.00 per share, the merger consideration under the Merger Agreement.

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