Common Stock

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LINDNER S CRAIG</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC AFG]							k all applicable) Director	g Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE EAST FOURTH STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2010						X	Officer (give title below) Co-CEO &	Other below	,	
(Street) CINCINNATI (City)	OH (State)	45202 (Zip)		4. If Am 02/15/2	endment, Date of 0 2010	Original	Filed ((Month/Day/Ye	ear)	6. Indi Line) X				
	Ta	able I - Nor	n-Derivati	ive Se	ecurities Acqu	uired,	Disp	osed of, o	r Ben	eficially	Owned			
Date			2. Transacti Date (Month/Day		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities and Disposed Of (5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(111301.4)			
Common Stock	02/11/20	010		A ⁽¹⁾		88,132	Α	\$0.00	3,316,925	I	#1(2)			

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. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$24.83	02/11/2010		A		50,000		(11)	02/11/2020	Common Stock	50,000	\$0.00	50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This number represents the grant of 17,500 shares of restricted stock that vests four years from the date of grant, as well as a 70,632 share stock grant.
- 2. Indirect #1: SCL TTEE of the SCL Living Trust DTD 03/30/83.
- 3. Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner, Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner living Trust dated 9/13/93. (SCL)
- 4. Indirect #6: FRL, Cust. CFL Under OH Tsfr to Min Act. (SCL)
- 5. Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83. (SCL)
- 6. Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC (SCL)
- 7. Indirect #12: The Company's Retirement and Savings Plans. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/09. (SCL)
- 8. Indirect #16: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- 9. Indirect #20: KEL, TTEE CFL C/U Irrev Trust DTD 2/13/85. (SCL)
- 10. Indirect #23: CFL TR U/A DTD 4/21/05 FRL TTEE (SCL)
- 11. These Employee Stock Options ("Options") become exercisable as to 20% of the shares initially granted on the first anniversary of the date of grant, with an additional 20% becoming exercisable on each subsequent anniversary. The Options were granted under the Issuer's Stock Option Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

Remarks:

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact

02/19/2010

** Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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