

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LINDNER S CRAIG</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>ONE EAST FOURTH STREET</u> (Street) <u>CINCINNATI OH 45202</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Co-CEO & Co-President</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/14/2006</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 0 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 1,750 | D | \$47.61 | 2,141,561 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 300 | D | \$47.62 | 2,141,261 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$47.65 | 2,139,261 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 900 | D | \$47.66 | 2,138,361 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 150 | D | \$47.67 | 2,138,211 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 200 | D | \$47.68 | 2,138,011 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 1,700 | D | \$47.69 | 2,136,311 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 6,350 | D | \$47.7 | 2,129,961 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 450 | D | \$47.71 | 2,129,511 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 2,000 | D | \$47.72 | 2,127,511 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 1,400 | D | \$47.73 | 2,126,111 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 550 | D | \$47.74 | 2,125,561 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 1,150 | D | \$47.75 | 2,124,411 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 150 | D | \$47.76 | 2,124,261 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 350 | D | \$47.77 | 2,123,911 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2006 | | S | | 2,300 | D | \$47.78 | 2,121,611 | I | #1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 0 | I | #2 ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 51,291 | I | #3 ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,373 | I | #5 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,373 | I | #6 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,373 | I | #7 ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 96,881 | I | #8 ⁽⁷⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 680,029 | I | #9 ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,000,000 | I | #10 ⁽⁹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,240.88 | I | #12 ⁽¹⁰⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,639,739 | I | #13 ⁽¹¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 42,403 | I | #14 ⁽¹²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 42,403 | I | #15 ⁽¹³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 42,403 | I | #16 ⁽¹⁴⁾ |

**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 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Indirect #1: By S. Craig Lindner, Trustee for the S. Craig Lindner Living Trust dated 3/30/83.
2. Indirect #2: Malott Nyhart, Trustee of the SCL 1996-2 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 3/28/96.
3. Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner Living Trust dated 9/13/93.
4. Indirect #5: Corinne E. Lindner, TTEE, CEL 2002 Living Trust DTD 11/14/02.
5. Indirect #6: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Custodian for minor child.
6. Indirect #7: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Custodian for minor child.
7. Indirect #8: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irreocable Trust Indenture with Frances R. Lindner dated 2/13/85.
8. Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83.
9. Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC
10. Indirect #12: The Company Retirement and Savings Account. 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 12/31/2005.
11. Indirect #13: SCL, TTEE of the SCL 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/21/05.
12. Indirect #14: M. Nyhart, TTEE Corinne Under Trust Agreement dated 3/8/96.
13. Indirect #15: M. Nyhart TTEE Clara Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96.
14. indirect #16: M. Nyhart TTEE Christine Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96.

Remarks:

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact 09/15/2006

** Signature of Reporting Person 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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