

Allied World Assurance Co Holdings, AG  
Form 8-K  
April 11, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

April 9, 2012

Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Switzerland

001-32938

98-0681223

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Lindenstrasse 8, Baar/Zug, Switzerland

6340

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

+41-41-768-1080

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective as of April 9, 2012, Mr. John L. Sennott, Jr. departed from his position as Executive Vice President and Chief Corporate Strategy Officer of Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG (the "Company"). Mr. Sennott's departure is a termination without cause under his employment agreement. Mr. John J. Gauthier, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, has assumed the oversight of the investor relations function for the Company on an interim basis.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG

*April 11, 2012*

By: */s/ Wesley D. Dupont*

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*Name: Wesley D. Dupont*

*Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel &  
Corporate Secretary*