

Welch Ronald Jay
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Welch Ronald Jay			(Month/Day/Year)		AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/ [ANAT]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/21/2009		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
ONE MOODY PLAZA					5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)					(Check all applicable)	
GALVESTON,Â TXÂ 77550					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) See Remarks	
					<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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,000	D	Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Appreciation Right	08/01/2003 ⁽¹⁾	08/01/2012 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 88	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	05/02/2006 ⁽¹⁾	05/02/2015 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 100.46	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	05/01/2009 ⁽¹⁾	05/01/2018 ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	7,000	\$ 116.48	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Welch Ronald Jay ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550	Â	Â	Â See Remarks	Â

Signatures

Ronald J. Welch 07/20/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) SARs become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.
- (2) SARs expire five years from the date they become exercisable. The date shown represents the expiration date of the final installment of SARs to become exercisable.

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Remarks:

Sr. Exec. VP, Corporate Risk Officer & Chief Actuary

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