

Gerwel Bernard Stephen  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Gerwel Bernard Stephen  (Last) (First) (Middle)  ONE MOODY PLAZA (Street)  GALVESTON,Â TXÂ 77550  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/21/2009	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/ [ANAT]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <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	5. If Amendment, Date 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
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**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)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

(Instr. 5)

Stock Appreciation Right	08/01/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/01/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	100	\$ 88	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	05/02/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/02/2015 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	800	\$ 100.46	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Right	05/01/2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	05/01/2018 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 116.48	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gerwel Bernard Stephen ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550	Â	Â	Â See Remarks	Â

## Signatures

Bernard S. Gerwel 07/17/2009

\*\*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. VP, Chief MLEA Administrative Officer

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