

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL HOLDINGS INC.  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

#### Assured Guaranty Ltd.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**30 Woodbourne Avenue  
Hamilton HM 08 Bermuda  
Telephone: (441) 279-5700**

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**98-0429991**

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

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#### Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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#### Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc.

(formerly known as Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd.)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**

**13-3261323**

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Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public:

From time to time after the Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, please check the following box and list the Securities Act of 1933 registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act of 1933 registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

\* Additional eligible registrants may be added by automatically effective post-effective amendments pursuant to Rule 462(f).

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered*	/Amount to be Registered(1)(2) / Proposed maximum aggregate offering price per unit(2) / Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2) / Amount of registration fee
Common Shares of Assured Guaranty Ltd.(3)	
Preferred Shares of Assured Guaranty Ltd.(4)	
Depository Shares of Assured Guaranty Ltd.(5)	
Debt Securities of Assured Guaranty Ltd.(6)	
Warrants to Purchase Common or Preferred Shares of Assured Guaranty Ltd.	(1)(2)
Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities of Assured Guaranty Ltd.	
Stock Purchase Contracts of Assured Guaranty Ltd.	
Stock Purchase Units of Assured Guaranty Ltd.(7)	
Debt Securities of Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.(6)	
Guarantee of Debt Securities of Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. by Assured Guaranty Ltd.(8)	
Debt Securities of Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc.(6)	
Guarantee of Debt Securities of Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc. by Assured Guaranty Ltd.(8)	

\* Additional securities (including securities to be issued by additional registrants) may be added by automatically effective post-effective amendments pursuant to Rule 413.

(1) An indeterminate number or amount of common shares, preferred shares, depository shares, debt securities, warrants, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units of Assured Guaranty Ltd., and debt securities of Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. and Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc. as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices. Securities registered, referred to as the offered securities, may be sold separately, together or as units with other offered securities. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrants are deferring payment of all of the registration fee, except for registration fees of \$15,018 that were previously paid but not applied to an offering as follows: Registration fees of \$3,726 were paid in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-125382) and \$43,378 were paid in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-125383), both of which were filed by Assured Guaranty Ltd. and Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. on May 31, 2005. These offering fees were applied to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-152892), which was filed by Assured Guaranty Ltd. and Assured Guaranty Holdings Inc. on August 8, 2008. Of such previously paid registration fees, \$32,086 was applied to an offering pursuant to Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-152892) leaving \$15,018 remaining available to be applied to this Registration Statement.

(2) Unless otherwise indicated in an amendment to this filing, no separate consideration will be received for common shares, preferred shares or debt securities that are issued by Assured Guaranty Ltd., Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. or Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc. upon conversion or exchange of debt securities, preferred shares or depository shares registered under this registration statement.

(3) Also includes the presently indeterminate number of common shares as may be issued by Assured Guaranty Ltd. (a) upon conversion of or exchange for any debt securities or preferred shares that provide for conversion or exchange into common shares, (b) upon exercise of warrants to purchase common shares or (c) pursuant to stock purchase contracts.

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Also includes the presently indeterminate number of preferred shares as may be issued by Assured Guaranty Ltd. (a) upon conversion of or exchange for any debt securities that provide for conversion or exchange into preferred shares, (b) upon exercise of warrants to purchase preferred shares or (c) pursuant to stock purchase contracts.

- (5) To be represented by depositary receipts representing an interest in all or a specified portion of a common share or preferred share.
  - (6) Subject to note (1), an indeterminate principal amount of debt securities, which may be senior or subordinated.
  - (7) Each stock purchase unit consists of (a) a stock purchase contract under which the holder, upon settlement, will purchase an indeterminate number of common shares and (b) a beneficial interest in debt securities, preferred securities or debt obligations of third parties purchased with the proceeds from the sale of the stock purchase units. Each beneficial interest will be pledged to secure the obligation of the holder to purchase the common shares. No separate consideration will be received for the stock purchase contract or the related beneficial interests.
  - (8) No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees of the debt securities issued by Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. or Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc.
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PROSPECTUS

**Assured Guaranty Ltd.**

**Common Shares, Preferred Shares, Depositary Shares, Debt Securities,  
Warrants to Purchase Common Shares,  
Warrants to Purchase Preferred Shares,  
Warrants to Purchase Debt Securities, Stock Purchase Contracts and  
Stock Purchase Units**

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**Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc.**

**Debt Securities  
Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by**

**Assured Guaranty Ltd.**

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**Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc.**

**Debt Securities  
Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by**

**Assured Guaranty Ltd.**

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Assured Guaranty Ltd., Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. or Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc. will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any supplements carefully before you invest.

Assured Guaranty Ltd.'s common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AGO."

None of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of offered securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

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**NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS  
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**PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

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The date of this prospectus is July 13, 2011.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any supplement. None of the registrants has authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. The securities offered by this prospectus are being offered only in states where the offer is permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents. The business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of Assured Guaranty Ltd. and its subsidiaries may have changed since that date.

Assured Guaranty Ltd. has obtained consent from the Bermuda Monetary Authority for the issue and transfer of shares to and between persons regarded as non-resident in Bermuda for exchange control purposes and for the issue and transfer of options, warrants, depositary receipts, rights, loan notes and other securities, subject to the condition that our shares are listed on an appointed stock exchange, which includes the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Issues and transfers of shares to any person regarded as resident in Bermuda for exchange control purposes may require specific prior approval from the Bermuda Monetary Authority. The Bermuda Monetary Authority accepts no responsibility for the financial soundness of any proposal or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed in this prospectus.

Any person who, directly or indirectly, becomes a holder of at least 10 percent, 20 percent, 33 percent, or 50 percent of the common shares must notify the Bermuda Monetary Authority in writing within 45 days of becoming such a holder or 30 days from the date they have knowledge of having such a holding, whichever is later. The Bermuda Monetary Authority may, by written notice, object to such a person if it appears to the Bermuda Monetary Authority that the person is not fit and proper to be such a holder. The Bermuda Monetary Authority may require the holder to reduce their holding of common shares of Assured Guaranty Ltd. and direct, among other things, that voting rights attaching to the common shares shall not be exercisable. A person that does not comply with such a notice or direction from the Bermuda Monetary Authority will be guilty of an offence.

For so long as Assured Guaranty Ltd. has as a subsidiary an insurer registered under the Insurance Act 1978 (as amended) of Bermuda, the Bermuda Monetary Authority may at any time, by written notice, object to a person holding 10 percent or more of Assured Guaranty Ltd.'s common shares if it appears to the Bermuda Monetary Authority that the person is not or is no longer fit and proper to be such a holder. In such a case, the Bermuda Monetary Authority may require the shareholder to reduce its holding of common shares of Assured Guaranty Ltd. and direct, among other things, that such shareholder's voting rights attaching to the common shares shall not be exercisable. A person who does not comply with such a notice or direction from the Bermuda Monetary Authority will be guilty of an offence.

Before a person can acquire control of a U.S.-domiciled insurance company, prior written approval must be obtained from the insurance commissioner of the states where the insurer is domiciled or deemed commercially domiciled. Generally, state statutes provide that control over an insurer is presumed to exist if any person, directly or indirectly, owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing, 10% or more of the voting securities of the insurer. Because a person acquiring 10% or more of our common shares would indirectly control the same percentage of the stock of our U.S. insurance company subsidiaries, the insurance change of control laws of Maryland and New York would likely apply to such a transaction. Prior to granting approval of an application to acquire control of an insurer, the state insurance commissioner will consider such factors as the financial strength of the applicant, the integrity and management of the applicant's Board of Directors and executive officers, the acquirer's plans for the management of the applicant's Board of Directors and executive officers, the acquirer's plans for the future operations of the insurer and any anti-competitive results that may arise from the consummation of the acquisition of control.

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The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") regulates the acquisition of "control" of any UK insurance company authorized under FSMA. Any company or individual that (together with its or his associates) directly or indirectly acquires 10% or more of the shares in a UK authorized insurance company or its parent company, or is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of 10% or more of the voting power in such authorized insurance company or its parent company, would be considered to have acquired "control" for the purposes of the relevant legislation, as would a person who had significant influence over the management of such authorized insurance company or its parent company by virtue of his shareholding or voting power in either. Under FSMA, any person proposing to acquire "control" of a UK authorized insurance company must give prior notification to the Financial Services Authority ("FSA UK") of its intention to do so. The FSA UK then has three months to consider that person's application to acquire "control." In considering whether to approve such application, the FSA UK must be satisfied that both the acquirer is a "fit and proper" person to have "control" and that the interests of consumers would not be threatened by such acquisition of "control." "Consumers" in this context includes all persons who may use the services of the authorized insurance company. Failure to make the relevant prior application could result in action being taken by the FSA UK.

In this prospectus, references to "dollars" and "\$" are to United States currency, and the terms "United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America, its states, its territories, its possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction.



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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that Assured Guaranty Ltd. ("AGL" and, together with its subsidiaries, "Assured Guaranty," the "Company," "we," "us" or "our"), Assured Guaranty US Holdings and Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc., formerly known as Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. ("Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission utilizing a "shelf" registration process, relating to the common shares, preferred shares, depositary shares, debt securities, debt securities guarantee, warrants, stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units described in this prospectus. Under this shelf process, any or all of AGL, Assured Guaranty US Holdings and Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings may sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities AGL, Assured Guaranty US Holdings or Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings may offer. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For additional information regarding AGL, Assured Guaranty US Holdings and Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings and the offered securities, please refer to the registration statement. Each time AGL, Assured Guaranty US Holdings or Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings sells securities, it will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus, including the documents we incorporate by reference, contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements may include forward-looking statements which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. These statements include forward-looking statements both with respect to us specifically and the insurance and reinsurance industries in general. Statements which include the words "expect," "intend," "plan," "believe," "project," "anticipate," "may," "will," "continue," "further," "seek," and similar words or statements of a future or forward-looking nature identify forward-looking statements for purposes of the federal securities laws or otherwise. All forward-looking statements address matters that involve risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, there are or will be important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. We believe that these factors include the following:

rating agency action, including a ratings downgrade or change in outlook at any time of AGL or any of its subsidiaries and/or of transactions that AGL or its subsidiaries have insured, both of which have occurred in the past or a change in rating criteria;

developments in the world's financial and capital markets that adversely affect issuers' payment rates, the Company's loss experience, its ability to cede exposure to reinsurers, its access to capital, its unrealized (losses) gains on derivative financial instruments or its investment returns;

changes in the world's credit markets, segments thereof or general economic conditions;

more severe or frequent losses implicating the adequacy of the Company's loss reserve;

the impact of market volatility on the mark-to-market of the Company's contracts written in credit default swap form;

reduction in the amount of insurance and reinsurance opportunities available to the Company;

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deterioration in the financial condition of the Company's reinsurers, the amount and timing of reinsurance recoverables actually received and the risk that reinsurers may dispute amounts owed to the Company under its reinsurance agreements;

the possibility that the Company will not realize insurance loss recoveries or damages from originators, sellers, sponsors, underwriters or servicers of residential mortgage-backed securities transactions;

increased competition;

changes in applicable accounting policies or practices;

changes in applicable laws or regulations, including insurance and tax laws;

other governmental actions;

difficulties with the execution of the Company's business strategy;

contract cancellations;

the Company's dependence on customers;

loss of key personnel;

adverse technological developments;

the effects of mergers, acquisitions and divestitures;

natural or man-made catastrophes;

other risks and uncertainties that have not been identified at this time;

management's response to these factors; and

other risk factors identified in the Company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

The foregoing review of important factors should not be construed as exhaustive, and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in our periodic reports filed with the SEC. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if the Company's underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary materially from what the Company projected. Any forward-looking statements you read in this prospectus or in the documents

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incorporated by reference reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and are subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to the Company's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity.

For these statements, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

### **ASSURED GUARANTY LTD., ASSURED GUARANTY US HOLDINGS INC. AND ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL HOLDINGS INC.**

Assured Guaranty Ltd. is a Bermuda based holding company providing, through its operating subsidiaries, credit protection products to the United States ("U.S.") and international public finance, infrastructure and structured finance markets. The Company has applied its credit underwriting judgment, risk management skills and capital markets experience to develop insurance, reinsurance and

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credit derivative products that protect holders of debt instruments and other monetary obligations from defaults in scheduled payments, including scheduled interest and principal payments. The securities insured by the Company include taxable and tax-exempt obligations issued by U.S. state or municipal governmental authorities, utility districts or facilities; notes or bonds issued to finance international infrastructure projects; and asset-backed securities issued by special purpose entities. The Company markets its credit protection products directly to issuers and underwriters of public finance, infrastructure and structured finance securities as well as to investors in such debt obligations. The Company guarantees debt obligations issued in many countries, although its principal focus is on the U.S., Europe and Australia. AGL's principal executive offices are at 30 Woodbourne Avenue, Hamilton HM 08 Bermuda, and its telephone number is (441) 279-5700.

Assured Guaranty US Holdings Inc. initially was formed as a holding company to hold the shares of AGC and AG Financial Products Inc. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of AGL and was formed under the laws of the State of Delaware in February 2004. Its principal executive offices are at 31 West 52nd Street, New York, New York, and its telephone number is (212) 974-0100.

On July 1, 2009, the Company acquired Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. (renamed Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings Inc., "AGMH"), and AGMH's subsidiaries, from Dexia Holdings, Inc. ("Dexia Holdings"). AGMH's principal insurance subsidiary is Financial Security Assurance Inc. (renamed Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., "AGM"). The acquisition is referred to as the AGMH Acquisition. AGMH's principal executive offices are at 31 West 52nd Street, New York, New York, and its telephone number is (212) 974-0100.

The AGMH Acquisition did not include the acquisition of AGMH's former financial products business, which was comprised of its guaranteed investment contracts business, its medium term notes business and the equity payment agreements associated with AGMH's leveraged lease business (collectively, the "Financial Products Business"). The AGMH subsidiaries that conducted AGMH's former Financial Products Business were transferred to Dexia Holdings prior to completion of the AGMH Acquisition. In addition, the Company has entered into various agreements with Dexia SA (the parent of Dexia Holdings) and certain of its subsidiaries (collectively, "Dexia"), in order to transfer to such Dexia entities the credit and liquidity risks associated with AGMH's former Financial Products Business.

Since the AGMH Acquisition, the Company has conducted its financial guaranty business on a direct basis from two companies: AGM and Assured Guaranty Corp. ("AGC"). AGM focuses exclusively on the U.S. public finance and global infrastructure business and does not underwrite any new structured finance business. AGC underwrites global structured finance obligations as well as U.S. public finance and global infrastructure obligations. Neither company currently underwrites any new U.S. residential mortgage backed securities transactions. In addition to AGM and AGC, AGL's principal operating subsidiaries include Assured Guaranty Re Ltd. ("AG Re"):

AGM, an insurance company located and domiciled in New York, was organized in 1984 and commenced operations in 1985. Since mid-2008, it only provides insurance and reinsurance that protects against principal and interest payment defaults on debt obligations in the U.S. public finance and global infrastructure market. Previously, AGM also offered insurance and reinsurance in the global structured finance market. AGM owns 100% of Assured Guaranty Municipal Insurance Company (formerly FSA Insurance Company), an insurance company that has re-domesticated to New York that primarily provides reinsurance to AGM. AGM and Assured Guaranty Municipal Insurance Company together own Assured Guaranty (Bermuda) Ltd. (formerly Financial Security Assurance International Ltd.), a Bermuda insurance company that provides reinsurance to AGM and insurance for transactions outside the U.S. and European markets. Assured Guaranty Municipal Insurance Company in turn owns 100% of Assured Guaranty (Europe) Ltd. (formerly Financial Security Assurance (U.K.) Limited,

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"AGE"), a United Kingdom ("U.K.") incorporated company licensed as a U.K. insurance company and authorized to operate in various countries throughout the European Economic Area. AGE provides financial guaranty insurance in both the international public finance and structured finance markets and is the primary entity from which the Company writes business in the European Economic Area. AGM's principal executive offices are at 31 West 52nd Street, New York, New York, and its telephone number is (212) 974-0100.

AGC, an insurance company located in New York and domiciled in Maryland, was organized in 1985 and commenced operations in January 1988. It provides insurance and reinsurance that protects against principal and interest payment defaults on debt obligations in either financial guaranty or credit derivative contract form in the U.S. public finance and the global infrastructure and structured finance markets. AGC owns 100% of Assured Guaranty (U.K.) Ltd. ("AGUK"), a company incorporated in the U.K. as a U.K. insurance company. AGUK's board of directors has determined that it is not necessary to maintain both AGUK and AGE to write new business and, accordingly, the Company has elected to place AGUK into run-off and has filed a run-off plan with the U.K. Financial Services Authority.

AG Re is incorporated under the laws of Bermuda and is licensed as a Class 3B insurer under the Insurance Act 1978 and related regulations of Bermuda. AG Re owns Assured Guaranty Overseas US Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation, which owns the entire share capital of a Bermuda Class 3A and long-term insurer, Assured Guaranty Re Overseas Ltd. ("AGRO"). AG Re underwrites financial guaranty reinsurance and AGRO underwrites financial guaranty and residential mortgage reinsurance. AG Re and AGRO write business as reinsurers of third-party primary insurers and as reinsurers/retrocessionaires of certain affiliated companies. AGRO, in turn, owns Assured Guaranty Mortgage Insurance Company, a New York corporation that is authorized to provide mortgage guaranty insurance.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, AGL, Assured Guaranty US Holdings and Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities for general corporate purposes, which may include repayment of indebtedness, expansion of our net underwriting capacity and acquisitions.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES OF THE COMPANY**

For purposes of computing the following ratios, earnings consist of net income (loss) before income tax expense, excluding interest costs capitalized, plus fixed charges to the extent that these charges are included in the determination of earnings. Fixed charges consist of interest costs, including interest costs capitalized, plus one-third of minimum rental payments under operating leases, which are estimated by management to be the interest factor of these rentals. Because the Company paid no preferred share dividends during any of the periods presented, the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred share dividends is identical to the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods presented.

	Fiscal year Ended December 31,					
	Three Months Ended					
	March 31, 2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</b>	8.47x	7.15x	3.00x	5.46x	(a)	13.84x

(a) Due to the Company's loss in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, the ratio of earnings to fixed charges coverage for that period was less than 1:1. The Company would have needed to

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generate additional earnings of \$463.0 million in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 to have achieved a ratio of earnings to fixed charges coverage for that period of 1:1.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES**

The Company may, from time to time, offer under this prospectus, separately or together:

common shares,

preferred shares, which may be represented by depositary shares as described below,

unsecured senior or subordinated debt securities,

warrants to purchase common shares,

warrants to purchase preferred shares,

warrants to purchase debt securities,

stock purchase contracts to purchase common shares, and

stock purchase units, each representing ownership of a stock purchase contract and, as security for the holder's obligation to purchase common shares under the stock purchase contract, any of: debt securities of AGL; debt securities of Assured Guaranty US Holdings, fully and unconditionally guaranteed by AGL; debt securities of Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings, fully and unconditionally guaranteed by AGL; or debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities.

Assured Guaranty US Holdings and Assured Guaranty Municipal Holdings may, from time to time, offer unsecured senior or subordinated debt securities, which will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by AGL.

**DESCRIPTION OF AGL SHARE CAPITAL**

The following summary of AGL's share capital is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of Bermuda law, AGL's memorandum of association and Bye-Laws, copies of which are incorporated by reference to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

**General**

AGL has an authorized share capital of \$5,000,000 divided into 500,000,000 shares, par value U.S. \$0.01 per share, of which 184,192,554 common shares were issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2011, excluding 76,242 unvested restricted common shares. Except as described below, AGL's common shares have no preemptive rights or other rights to subscribe for additional common shares, no rights of redemption, conversion or exchange and no sinking fund rights. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the holders of AGL's common shares are entitled to share equally, in proportion to the number of common shares held by such holder, in AGL's assets, if any remain after the payment of all AGL's debts and liabilities and the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred shares. Under certain circumstances, AGL has the right to purchase all or a portion of the shares held by a shareholder. See " Acquisition of Common Shares by AGL" below. All of the common and preferred shares being issued pursuant to this offering will be fully paid and non-assessable. Holders of AGL's common shares are entitled to receive such dividends as lawfully may be declared from time to time by AGL's board of directors.

**Voting Rights and Adjustments**

In general, and except as provided below, shareholders have one vote for each common share held by them and are entitled to vote with respect to their fully paid shares at all meetings of shareholders.



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However, if, and so long as, the common shares (and other of AGL's shares) of a shareholder are treated as "controlled shares" (as determined pursuant to section 958 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Code) of any "United States person" as defined in the Code (a "U.S. Person") and such controlled shares constitute 9.5% or more of the votes conferred by AGL's issued and outstanding shares, the voting rights with respect to the controlled shares owned by such U.S. Person shall be limited, in the aggregate, to a voting power of less than 9.5% of the voting power of all issued and outstanding shares, under a formula specified in AGL's Bye-laws. The formula is applied repeatedly until there is no U.S. Person whose controlled shares constitute 9.5% or more of the voting power of all issued and outstanding shares and who generally would be required to recognize income with respect to AGL under the Code if AGL was a controlled foreign corporation as defined in the Code and if the ownership threshold under the Code were 9.5% (as defined in AGL's Bye-Laws as a "9.5% U.S. Shareholder"). In addition, AGL's board of directors may determine that shares held carry different voting rights when it deems it appropriate to do so to (i) avoid the existence of any 9.5% U.S. Shareholder; and (ii) avoid adverse tax, legal or regulatory consequences to us or any of our subsidiaries or any direct or indirect holder of shares or its affiliates. "Controlled shares" includes, among other things, all shares of AGL that such U.S. Person is deemed to own directly, indirectly or constructively (within the meaning of section 958 of the Code). These provisions do not apply in the event one shareholder owns greater than 75% of the voting power of all issued and outstanding shares. Funds affiliated with Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., one of our directors, are subject to this voting restriction.

Under these provisions, certain shareholders may have their voting rights limited to less than one vote per share, while other shareholders may have voting rights in excess of one vote per share. Moreover, these provisions could have the effect of reducing the votes of certain shareholders who would not otherwise be subject to the 9.5% limitation by virtue of their direct share ownership. AGL's Bye-laws provide that AGL will use its best efforts to notify shareholders of their voting interests prior to any vote to be taken by them.

AGL's board of directors is authorized to require any shareholder to provide information for purposes of determining whether any holder's voting rights are to be adjusted, which may be information on beneficial share ownership, the names of persons having beneficial ownership of the shareholder's shares, relationships with other shareholders or any other facts AGL's board of directors may deem relevant. If any holder fails to respond to this request or submits incomplete or inaccurate information, AGL's board of directors may eliminate the shareholder's voting rights. All information provided by the shareholder will be treated by us as confidential information and shall be used by us solely for the purpose of establishing whether any 9.5% U.S. Shareholder exists and applying the adjustments to voting power (except as otherwise required by applicable law or regulation).

**Restrictions on Transfer of Common Shares**

Each transfer must comply with current Bermuda Monetary Authority permission or have specific permission from the Bermuda Monetary Authority. AGL's board of directors may decline to register a transfer of any common shares under certain circumstances, including if they have reason to believe that any adverse tax, regulatory or legal consequences to AGL, any of its subsidiaries or any of its shareholders or indirect holders of shares or its Affiliates may occur as a result of such transfer (other than such as AGL's board of directors considers de minimis). Transfers must be by instrument unless otherwise permitted by the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Companies Act.

The restrictions on transfer and voting restrictions described above may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of AGL.

Before a person can acquire control of a U.S.-domiciled insurance company, prior written approval must be obtained from the insurance commissioner of the states where the insurer is domiciled or

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deemed commercially domiciled. Generally, state statutes provide that control over an insurer is presumed to exist if any person, directly or indirectly, owns, controls, holds with the power to vote, or holds proxies representing, 10% or more of the voting securities of the insurer. Because a person acquiring 10% or more of AGL's common shares would indirectly control the same percentage of the stock of AGL's U.S. insurance company subsidiaries, the insurance change of control laws of Maryland and New York would likely apply to such a transaction. Prior to granting approval of an application to acquire control of an insurer, the state insurance commissioner will consider such factors as the financial strength of the applicant, the integrity and management of the applicant's Board of Directors and executive officers, the acquirer's plans for the management of the applicant's Board of Directors and executive officers, the acquirer's plans for the future operations of the insurer and any anti-competitive results that may arise from the consummation of the acquisition of control.

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") regulates the acquisition of "control" of any UK insurance company authorized under FSMA. Any company or individual that (together with its or his associates) directly or indirectly acquires 10% or more of the shares in a UK authorized insurance company or its parent company, or is entitled to exercise or control the exercise of 10% or more of the voting power in such authorized insurance company or its parent company, would be considered to have acquired "control" for the purposes of the relevant legislation, as would a person who had significant influence over the management of such authorized insurance company or its parent company by virtue of his shareholding or voting power in either. Under FSMA, any person proposing to acquire "control" of a UK authorized insurance company must give prior notification to the FSA UK of its intention to do so. The FSA UK then has three months to consider that person's application to acquire "control." In considering whether to approve such application, the FSA UK must be satisfied that both the acquirer is a "fit and proper" person to have "control" and that the interests of consumers would not be threatened by such acquisition of "control." "Consumers" in this context includes all persons who may use the services of the authorized insurance company. Failure to make the relevant prior application could result in action being taken by the FSA UK.

**Acquisition of Common Shares by AGL**

Under AGL's Bye-Laws and subject to Bermuda law, if AGL's board of directors determines that any ownership of AGL's shares may result in adverse tax, legal or regulatory consequences to us, any of our subsidiaries or any of its shareholders or indirect holders of shares or its affiliates (other than such as AGL's board of directors considers de minimis), AGL has the option, but not the obligation, to require such shareholder to sell to it or to a third party to whom AGL assigns the repurchase right the minimum number of common shares necessary to avoid or cure any such adverse consequences at a price determined in the discretion of the board of directors to represent the shares' fair market value (as defined in AGL's Bye-Laws).

**Issuance of Shares**

Subject to AGL's Bye-Laws and Bermuda law, AGL's board of directors has the power to issue any of its unissued shares as it determines, including the issuance of any shares or class of shares with preferred, deferred or other special rights.

**Bye-Laws**

In addition to the provisions of the Bye-Laws described above under " Voting Rights and Adjustments," the following provisions are a summary of some of the other important provisions of AGL's Bye-Laws.

*AGL's Board of Directors and Corporate Action.* AGL's Bye-Laws provide that AGL's board of directors shall consist of not less than three and not more than 21 directors, the exact number as determined by the board of directors. AGL's board of directors consists of 11 persons. In May 2011,

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AGL's shareholders approved an amendment to AGL's Bye-Laws providing for all directors to be elected for one-year terms. Previously, AGL's directors were divided into three classes with staggered three-year terms. The bye-law amendment did not shorten the unexpired term of any director. Shareholders may only remove a director for cause (as defined in AGL's Bye-Laws) at a general meeting, provided that the notice of any such meeting convened for the purpose of removing a director shall contain a statement of the intention to do so and shall be provided to that director at least two weeks before the meeting. Vacancies on the board of directors can be filled by the board of directors if the vacancy occurs in those events set out in AGL's Bye-Laws as a result of death, disability, disqualification or resignation of a director, or from an increase in the size of the board of directors.

Generally under AGL's Bye-Laws, the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast at any meeting at which a quorum is present is required to authorize a resolution put to vote at a meeting of the board of directors. Corporate action may also be taken by a unanimous written resolution of the board of directors without a meeting. A quorum shall be at least one-half of directors then in office present in person or represented by a duly authorized representative, provided that at least two directors are present in person.

*Shareholder Action.* At the commencement of any general meeting, two or more persons present in person and representing, in person or by proxy, more than 50% of the issued and outstanding shares entitled to vote at the meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In general, anything that may be done by resolution of AGL's shareholders in a general meeting may be taken, without a meeting, by a resolution in writing signed by all of the shareholders entitled to attend such meeting and vote on the resolution. In general, any questions proposed for the consideration of the shareholders at any general meeting shall be decided by the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

The Bye-Laws contain advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals and nominations for directors, including when proposals and nominations must be received and the information to be included.

*Amendment.* The Bye-Laws may be amended only by a resolution adopted by the board of directors and by resolution of the shareholders.

*Voting of Non-U.S. Subsidiary Shares.* If AGL is required or entitled to vote at a general meeting of any of AG Re, Assured Guaranty Finance Overseas Ltd. or any other directly held AGL non-U.S. subsidiary, AGL's board of directors shall refer the subject matter of the vote to AGL's shareholders and seek direction from such shareholders as to how they should vote on the resolution proposed by the non-U.S. subsidiary. AGL's board of directors in its discretion shall require that substantially similar provisions are or will be contained in the bye-laws (or equivalent governing documents) of any direct or indirect non-U.S. subsidiaries other than Assured Guaranty (UK) Ltd. and Assured Guaranty Re Overseas Ltd.

**Anti-Takeover Provisions in AGL's Bye-Laws**

AGL's Bye-Laws contain provisions that may entrench directors and make it more difficult for shareholders to replace directors even if the shareholders consider it beneficial to do so. In addition, these provisions could delay or prevent a change of control that a shareholder might consider favorable. For example, these provisions may prevent a shareholder from receiving the benefit from any premium over the market price of AGL's common shares offered by a bidder in a potential takeover. Even in the absence of an attempt to effect a change in management or a takeover attempt, these provisions may adversely affect the prevailing market price of AGL's common shares if they are viewed as discouraging takeover attempts in the future.

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For example, AGL's Bye-Laws contain the following provisions that could have such an effect:

shareholders have limited ability to remove directors;

if the controlled shares of any U.S. Person constitute 9.5% or more of the votes conferred by the issued shares of AGL, the voting rights with respect to the controlled shares of such U.S. Person shall be limited, in the aggregate, to a voting power of less than 9.5%;

AGL's board of directors may decline to approve or register the transfer of any common shares on AGL's share register if it appears to the board of directors, after taking into account the limitations on voting rights contained in AGL's Bye-Laws, that any adverse tax, regulatory or legal consequences to us, any of our subsidiaries or any shareholder, would result from such transfer (other than such as AGL's board of directors considers to be de minimis); and

subject to any applicable requirements of or commitments to the New York Stock Exchange, AGL's directors may decline to record the transfer of any common shares on AGL's share register unless the board of directors obtains: (i) a written opinion from counsel supporting the legality of the transaction under U.S. securities laws and (ii) approval from appropriate governmental authority if such approval is required.

**Differences in Corporate Law**

You should be aware that the Companies Act, which applies to AGL, differs in certain material respects from laws generally applicable to U.S. corporations and their shareholders. In order to highlight these differences, set forth below is a summary of certain significant provisions of the Companies Act applicable to AGL (including modifications adopted pursuant to AGL's Bye-Laws) which differ in certain respects from provisions of the corporate law of the State of Delaware. Because the following statements are summaries, they do not address all aspects of Bermuda law that may be relevant to AGL and its shareholders.

*Duties of Directors.* Under Bermuda common law, members of a board of directors owe a fiduciary duty to the company to act in good faith in their dealings with or on behalf of the company, and to exercise their powers and fulfill the duties of their office honestly. This duty has the following essential elements:

a duty to act in good faith in the best interests of the company;

a duty not to make a personal profit from opportunities that arise from the office of director;

a duty to avoid conflicts of interest; and

a duty to exercise powers for the purpose for which such powers were intended.

The Companies Act imposes a duty on directors and officers of a Bermuda company:

to act honestly and in good faith, with a view to the best interests of the company; and

to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

In addition, the Companies Act imposes various duties on officers of a company with respect to certain matters of management and administration of the company.

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The Companies Act provides that in any proceedings for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust against any officer, if it appears to a court that such officer is or may be liable in respect of the negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust, but that he has acted honestly and reasonably, and that, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including those connected with his appointment, he ought fairly to be excused for the negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of

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trust, that court may relieve him, either wholly or partly, from any liability on such terms as the court may think fit. This provision has been interpreted to apply only to actions brought by or on behalf of the company against such officers. AGL's Bye-Laws, however, provide that AGL and each of AGL's shareholders waive all claims or rights of action that they might have, individually or in the right of the Company, against any director or officer of AGL (and others identified in the Bye-Laws) for any act or failure to act in the performance of such director's or officer's duties, provided that this waiver does not extend to any claims or rights of action that arise out of fraud or dishonesty on the part of such director or officer.

Under Delaware law, the business and affairs of a corporation are managed by or under the direction of its board of directors. In exercising their powers, directors are charged with a fiduciary duty of care to protect the interests of the corporation and a fiduciary duty of loyalty to act in the best interests of its shareholders.

The duty of care requires that directors act in an informed and deliberate manner, and inform themselves, prior to making a business decision, of all relevant material information reasonably available to them. The duty of care also requires that directors exercise care in overseeing and investigating the conduct of corporate employees. The duty of loyalty may be summarized as the duty to act in good faith, not out of self-interest, and in a manner which the director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the shareholders.

Under the "business judgment rule," courts generally do not second guess the business judgment of directors and officers. A party challenging the propriety of a decision of a board of directors bears the burden of rebutting the presumption afforded to directors by the business judgment rule. If the presumption is not rebutted, the business judgment rule attaches to protect the directors from liability for their decisions. Where, however, the presumption is rebutted, the directors bear the burden of demonstrating the fairness of the relevant transaction. However, when the board of directors takes defensive actions in response to a threat to corporate control and approves a transaction resulting in a sale of control of the corporation, Delaware courts subject directors' conduct to enhanced scrutiny.

*Interested Directors.* Under Bermuda law and AGL's Bye-Laws, a transaction entered into by AGL, in which a director has an interest, will not be voidable by AGL, and such director will not be liable to AGL for any profit realized pursuant to such transaction, provided the nature of the interest is duly disclosed at the first opportunity at a meeting of directors, or in writing to the directors. In addition, AGL's Bye-Laws allow a director to be taken into account in determining whether a quorum is present and to vote on a transaction in which the director has an interest following a declaration of the interest pursuant to the Companies Act, provided that the director is not disqualified from doing so by the chairman of the meeting. Under Delaware law, such a transaction would not be voidable if

the material facts with respect to such interested director's relationship or interests are disclosed or are known to the board of directors, and the board of directors in good faith authorizes the transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested directors,

such material facts are disclosed or are known to the shareholders entitled to vote on such transaction, and the transaction is specifically approved in good faith by vote of the majority of shares entitled to vote thereon, or

the transaction is fair to the corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified.

Under Delaware law, an interested director could be held liable for a transaction in which such director derived an improper personal benefit.

*Dividends.* Bermuda law does not permit the declaration or payment of dividends or distributions of contributed surplus by a company if there are reasonable grounds for believing that the company, after the payment is made, would be unable to pay its liabilities as they become due, or the realizable

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value of the company's assets would be less, as a result of the payment, than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts. The excess of the consideration paid on issue of shares over the aggregate par value of such shares must (except in certain limited circumstances) be credited to a share premium account. Share premium may be distributed in certain limited circumstances; for example, to pay up unissued shares which may be distributed to shareholders in proportion to their holdings, but is otherwise subject to limitation. In addition, AGL's ability to declare and pay dividends and other distributions is subject to Bermuda insurance laws and regulatory constraints.

Under Delaware law, subject to any restrictions contained in the company's certificate of incorporation, a company may pay dividends out of surplus or, if there is no surplus, out of net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and for the preceding fiscal year. Delaware law also provides that dividends may not be paid out of net profits at any time when capital is less than the capital represented by the outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets.

*Amalgamations, Mergers and Similar Arrangements.* The amalgamation of a Bermuda company with another company or corporation (other than certain affiliated companies) requires the amalgamation agreement to be approved by the company's board of directors and by its shareholders. AGL may, with the approval of AGL's board and, except in the case of amalgamations with and between wholly owned subsidiaries being Bermuda companies, at least 75% of the votes cast at a general meeting of AGL's shareholders at which a quorum is present, amalgamate with another Bermuda company or with a body incorporated outside Bermuda. In the case of an amalgamation, a shareholder may apply to a Bermuda court for a proper valuation of such shareholder's shares if such shareholder is not satisfied that fair value has been paid for such shares.

Under Delaware law, with certain exceptions, a merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all the assets of a corporation must be approved by the board of directors and a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon. Under Delaware law, a shareholder of a corporation participating in certain major corporate transactions may, under certain circumstances, be entitled to appraisal rights pursuant to which such shareholder may receive payment in the amount of the fair market value of the shares held by such shareholder (as determined by a court) in lieu of the consideration such shareholder would otherwise receive in the transaction.

*Takeovers.* Bermuda law provides that where an offer is made for shares of a company and, within four months of the offer, the holders of not less than 90% of the shares which are the subject of the offer accept, the offeror may by notice require the non-tendering shareholders to transfer their shares on the terms of the offer. Dissenting shareholders may apply to the court within one month of the notice objecting to the transfer. Delaware law provides that a parent corporation, by resolution of its board of directors and without any shareholder vote, may merge with any subsidiary of which it owns at least 90% of each class of capital stock. Upon any such merger, dissenting shareholders of the subsidiary would have appraisal rights.

*Certain Transactions with Significant Shareholders.* As a Bermuda company, AGL may enter into certain business transactions with its significant shareholders, including asset sales, in which a significant shareholder receives, or could receive, a financial benefit that is greater than that received, or to be received, by other shareholders with prior approval from AGL's board of directors but without obtaining prior approval from AGL's shareholders. If AGL were a Delaware corporation, it would need, subject to certain exceptions, prior approval from shareholders holding at least two-thirds of its outstanding common stock not owned by such interested shareholder to enter into a business combination (which, for this purpose, includes asset sales of greater than 10% of AGL's assets that would otherwise be considered transactions in the ordinary course of business) with an interested

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shareholder for a period of three years from the time the person became an interested shareholder, unless AGL had opted out of the relevant Delaware statute, as provided for in that statute.

*Shareholders' Suits.* The rights of shareholders under Bermuda law are not as extensive as the rights of shareholders under legislation or judicial precedent in many U.S. jurisdictions. Class actions and derivative actions are generally not available to shareholders under the laws of Bermuda. However, the Bermuda courts ordinarily would be expected to follow English case law precedent, which would permit a shareholder to commence an action in AGL's name to remedy a wrong done to it where the act complained of is alleged to be beyond AGL's corporate power or is illegal or would result in the violation of AGL's Memorandum of Association or Bye-Laws. Furthermore, consideration would be given by the court to acts that are alleged to constitute a fraud against the minority shareholders or where an act requires the approval of a greater percentage of AGL's shareholders than actually approved it. The winning party in such an action generally would be able to recover a portion of attorneys' fees incurred in connection with such action. AGL's Bye-Laws provide that shareholders waive all claims or rights of action that they might have, individually or in the right of the Company, against any AGL director or officer (and others identified in the Bye-Laws) for any action or failure to act in the performance of such person's duties, except such waiver shall not extend to claims or rights of action that arise out of any fraud or dishonesty of such person. Class actions and derivative actions generally are available to shareholders under Delaware law for, among other things, breach of fiduciary duty, corporate waste and actions not taken in accordance with applicable law. In such actions, the court generally has discretion to permit the winning party to recover attorneys' fees incurred in connection with such action.

*Indemnification of Directors and Officers.* Under Bermuda law AGL may, and under AGL's Bye-Laws AGL, will indemnify its directors, officers, any other person appointed to a committee of the board of directors and certain other persons identified in the Bye-Laws (and their respective heirs, executors or administrators) against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses incurred or sustained by such person by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in the execution of his/her duties or supposed duties; provided that such indemnification shall not extend to any matter involving any fraud or dishonesty on the part of such director, officer or other person. Under Delaware law, a corporation may indemnify a director or officer of the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in defense of an action, suit or proceeding by reason of such position if

such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and

with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, such director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Under AGL's Bye-Laws, AGL and each of its shareholders agree to waive any claim or right of action, other than those involving fraud or dishonesty, against any of AGL's officers or directors or others identified in AGL's Bye-Laws.

*Inspection of Corporate Records.* Members of the general public have the right to inspect AGL's public documents available at the office of the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda and AGL's registered office in Bermuda, which will include AGL's memorandum of association (including its objects and powers) and any alteration to AGL's memorandum of association and documents relating to any increase or reduction of authorized capital. AGL's shareholders have the additional right to inspect AGL's Bye-Laws, minutes of general meetings and audited annual financial statements, which must be presented to the annual general meeting of shareholders. The register of AGL's shareholders is also open to inspection by shareholders and members of the public without charge. AGL is required to maintain AGL's share register in Bermuda but, as AGL's shares are listed on the New York Stock



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Exchange and having given the required notice to the Bermuda Registrar of Companies, AGL has established a branch register outside of Bermuda. AGL is required to keep at its registered office a register of AGL's directors and officers (containing that information required under Bermuda law) which is open for inspection by members of the public without charge. Bermuda law does not, however, provide a general right for shareholders to inspect or obtain copies of any other corporate records. Delaware law permits any shareholder to inspect or obtain copies of a corporation's