MATOVINA JOHN M

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MATOVINA JOHN M

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol AMERICAN EQUITY

INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

(Zip)

CO [AEL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

CEO & President

6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY 03/25/2013

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > (Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)(Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 03/25/2013 Stock

M 10,000 A \$9

105,693

D

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

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options - Right to Buy	\$ 9	03/25/2013		M		10,000	06/30/2004	12/04/2013	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MATOVINA JOHN M 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	X		CEO & President			

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney 03/26/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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