

Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WATSON MARK E III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. [AGII]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD., 110 PITTS BAY ROAD**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/01/2017

(Street)  
**PEMBROKE, HM 08, D0**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/01/2017		M	32,316 A	\$ 21.05	599,124	D
Common Stock	03/01/2017		D	2,931 D	\$ 68.25	596,193	D
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F	13,623 D	\$ 68.8	582,570	D
Common Stock	03/01/2017		S	6,569 D	\$ 68.4548	576,001	D
					<u>(1)</u>		

Common Stock	11,561	I	By Mark and AnaPaula Watson 2012 Irrevocable Trust
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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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 21.05	03/01/2017		M	32,316	<u>(2)</u>	03/01/2017	Common Stock	32,316

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATSON MARK E III ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD. 110 PITTS BAY ROAD PEMBROKE, HM 08, D0	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Craig S. Comeaux,  
attorney-in-fact

03/03/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$68.40 to \$68.50, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd., any security holder of Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- (1) The stock appreciation rights vested in four equal annual installments, with the first installment on March 1, 2011.

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