POPIK WILLAIM C MD

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading POPIK WILLAIM C MD Issuer Symbol **Darwin Professional Underwriters** (Check all applicable) Inc [DR] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 9 FARM SPRINGS ROAD 10/20/2008 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting FARMINGTON, CT 06032 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Beneficially Beneficial Disposed of (D) (D) or (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount Price (D) Common \$ 32 0 10/20/2008 D 8,350 D Stock

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 boof 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
share units	<u>(2)</u>	10/20/2008		D	9,095	(2)	(2)	common stock	9,095	(2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting 6 wher runne / runness	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
POPIK WILLAIM C MD 9 FARM SPRINGS ROAD FARMINGTON, CT 06032	X						

Signatures

William C. Popik, M.D., by Timothy J. Curry, attorney-in-fact

10/21/2008

**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).
- Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 27, 2008, by and among Darwin Professional Underwriters, (1) Inc. (the "Company"), Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, Ltd and Allied World Merger Company (the "Merger Agreement"), in exchange for a cash payment of \$32.00 per share of the Company's common stock (the "Common Stock") held by the reporting person.
- These share units were credited to the Reporting Person under the Company's Stock and Unit Plan for Non-employee Directors (the
- (2) "Plan") and were to have vested in future years, but became immediately vested upon the "change of control" effected under the Merger Agreement and immediately converted into the right to receive \$32 per stock unit.

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