

LINDNER S CRAIG  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
LINDNER S CRAIG

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC [AFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ONE EAST FOURTH STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/06/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Co-CEO & Co-President

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock					0	D	
Common Stock	03/06/2006		G	V 578 A \$ 0	2,018,299 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	05/04/2006		G	V 547 D \$ 0	2,017,752	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	05/11/2006		G	V 8,000 D \$ 0	2,185,004	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	06/26/2006		G	V 79,641 D \$ 0	2,105,363	I	#1 <sup>(2)</sup>

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Common Stock						0 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#2 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	03/06/2006		G V 578	A	\$ 0	51,291	I	#3 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	03/06/2006		G V 578	A	\$ 0	16,373 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#5 <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	03/06/2006		G V 578	A	\$ 0	16,373 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#6 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	03/06/2006		G V 578	A	\$ 0	16,373 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#7 <sup>(6)</sup>
Common Stock						96,881	I	#8 <sup>(7)</sup>
Common Stock						680,029	I	#9 <sup>(8)</sup>
Common Stock						1,000,000	I	#10 <sup>(9)</sup>
Common Stock						16,240.88	I	#12 <sup>(10)</sup>
Common Stock						1,747,737 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#13 <sup>(11)</sup>
Common Stock						42,403 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#14 <sup>(12)</sup>
Common Stock						42,403 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#15 <sup>(13)</sup>
Common Stock						42,403 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	#16 <sup>(14)</sup>

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,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu
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Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Exercisable	Date		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDNER S CRAIG ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X		Co-CEO & Co-President	

## Signatures

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as  
Attorney-in-Fact 06/29/2006

\*\*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).

- (1) On March 29, 2006, Indirect #2 transferred 65,299 shares of Common Stock to Indirect #1 and Indirect #2 transferred 42,403 shares of Common Stock each to Indirect #14, 15 and 16. On April 5, 2006, Indirect #13 transferred 111,594 shares of Common Stock to Indirect #1. On May 4, 2006, Indirect #1 transferred 547 shares of Common Stock each to Indirect #5, 6 and 7
- (2) Indirect #1: By S. Craig Lindner, Trustee for the S. Craig Lindner Living Trust dated 3/30/83.
- (3) Indirect #2: Malott Nyhart, Trustee of the SCL 1996-2 Qualified Annuity Trust dated 3/28/96.
- (4) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner Living Trust dated 9/13/93.
- (5) Indirect #6: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Custodian for minor child.
- (6) Indirect #7: By Frances R. Lindner (spouse), Custodian for minor child.
- (7) Indirect #8: By Keith E. Lindner, Trustee under an Irrevocable Trust Indenture with Frances R. Lindner dated 2/13/85.
- (8) Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83.
- (9) Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC
- (10) Indirect #12: The Company Retirement and Savings Account. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by the value of the Reporting Person's Company Securities Funds account in the Issuer's Retirement and Savings Plan is based on a statement dated as of 12/31/2005.
- (11) Indirect #13: SCL, TTEE of the SCL 2005-1 Qualified Annuity Trust DTD 4/21/05.
- (12) Indirect #14: M. Nyhart, TTEE Corinne Under Trust Agreement dated 3/8/96.
- (13) Indirect #15: M. Nyhart TTEE Clara Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96.
- (14) indirect #16: M. Nyhart TTEE Christine Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96.

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