LINDNER S CRAIG Form 5/A

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### FORM 5

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Reported

Stock

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)				3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008				_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
	ONE EAST	FOURTH STRE		12,51,2000				Co-CEO & Co-President				
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2009				6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  (check applicable line)				
			021	12/13/2009				(check appreads line)				
	CINCINNA	TI, OH 45202				_X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										ly Owned		
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code		sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned at end of Issuer's (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	(IIIsti. 4)	(IIIsti. 4)		
	Common Stock	12/11/2008	Â	G	30,000	D	\$0	4,053,244	I	#1 (1)		
	Common Stock	12/18/2008	Â	G	1,325	D	\$0	4,051,919	I	#1 (1)		
	Common Stock	12/29/2008	Â	G	50,000	D	\$0	4,001,919	I	#1 (1)		
	Common	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	108,449	I	#3 (2)		

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Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	27,685	I	#6 (3)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,020,043	I	#9 (4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	1,485,000	I	#10 (5)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	26,480	I	#12 (6) (7)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	63,604	I	#14 (8)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	63,604	I	#15 <u>(9)</u>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	63,604	I	#16 <u>(10)</u>
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	36,330	I	#20 (11)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	341,568	I	#23 (12)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	Number	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
	•				(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration		or	
						Exercisable	Date		Number	
									of	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other X Â Â Co-CEO & Co-President Â

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LINDNER S CRAIG ONE EAST FOURTH STREET CINCINNATI, OHÂ 45202

## **Signatures**

S. Craig Lindner By: Karl J. Grafe, as Attorney-in-Fact

03/05/2009

\*\*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) Indirect #1: SCL TTEE of the SCL Living Trust DTD 03/30/83.
- (2) Indirect #3: By Frances R. Lindner, Trustee for the Frances R. Lindner living Trust dated 9/13/93. (SCL)
- (3) Indirect #6: FRL, Cust. CFL Under OH Tsfr to Min Act. (SCL)
- (4) Indirect #9: KEL, TTEE Under an Irrev. Trust Ind. with SCL DTD 12/22/83. (SCL)
- (5) Indirect #10: SCL Investments, LLC (SCL)
  - Indirect #12: The Company's Retirement and Savings Plans. The number of shares of Common Stock which would be represented by
- (6) 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 12/31/08. (SCL)
- (7) This amendment is being filed to correct the Reporting Person's year-end balance in the Issuer's RASP.
- (8) Indirect #14: M. Nyhart TTEE CEL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (9) Indirect #15: M. Nyhart TTEE CAL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (10) Indirect #16: M. Nyhart TTEE CFL Under Trust Agreement dtd 3/8/96. (SCL)
- (11) Indirect #20: KEL, TTEE CFL C/U Irrev Trust DTD 2/13/85. (SCL)
- (12) Indirect #23: CFL TR U/A DTD 4/21/05 FRL TTEE (SCL)

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