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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/ À Ferdinandtsen George Richard (Month/Day/Year) [ANAT] 07/21/2009 (Middle) (Last) (First) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ONE MOODY PLAZA (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Other Person GALVESTON. TXÂ 77550 (give title below) (specify below) _ Form filed by More than One President and COO Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock D Â 63,000 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	· ·		Securities Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. 6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)	
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ferdinandtsen George Richard ONE MOODY PLAZA

GALVESTON, TXÂ 77550

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Signatures

George Richard 07/16/2009 Ferdinandtsen

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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