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#### PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT, SUBJECT TO COMPLETION

March 24, 2010 Hamilton, Bermuda

#### Dear Shareholders:

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to our 2010 Annual General Meeting of shareholders. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel, 76 Pitts Bay Road, Hamilton, Bermuda at 8:00 a.m. Atlantic Time.

Our formal agenda for this year's meeting is to vote on the election of directors, to vote on amended and restated Bye-laws, to ratify the selection of independent auditors for 2010, and to direct us to vote on directors and/or independent auditors for certain of our subsidiaries. In addition, we will report to you the highlights of 2009 and discuss the outlook for our business in 2010. We will also answer any questions you may have. Representatives of our independent accountants will be in attendance at the meeting and will be available to answer questions as well.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote on these matters is important to us. Please complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided. Alternatively, you can vote your proxy by telephone or through the Internet by following the instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

If you are a beneficial holder of our shares, we urge you to give voting instructions to your broker so that your vote can be counted. This is especially important since the New York Stock Exchange no longer allows brokers to cast votes with respect to the election of directors unless they have received instructions from the beneficial owner of shares.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Walter A. Scott

Chairman of the Board

Dominic J. Frederico

President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 24, 2010 Hamilton, Bermuda

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ASSURED GUARANTY LTD.:

The Annual General Meeting of Assured Guaranty Ltd., which we refer to as AGL, will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. Atlantic Time at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess, 76 Pitts Bay Road, Hamilton, Bermuda, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect three Class III directors to hold office until 2013;
- 2. To vote on the first amended and restated Bye-laws of AGL;
- To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as AGL's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010;
- 4.

  To direct AGL to vote for directors of, and the ratification of the appointment of independent auditors for its subsidiary,
  Assured Guaranty Re Ltd. and to direct AGL to vote for the ratification of independent auditors for its subsidiary, Assured
  Guaranty Ireland Holdings Ltd.; and
- 5. To transact such other business, if any, as lawfully may be brought before the meeting.

Only shareholders of record, as shown by the transfer books of AGL, at the close of business on March 16, 2010, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual General Meeting.

PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE FURNISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. IF YOU LATER DESIRE TO REVOKE YOUR PROXY FOR ANY REASON, YOU MAY DO SO IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT. YOU MAY ALSO VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR OVER THE INTERNET BY FOLLOWING THE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS PRINTED ON THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED AS DIRECTORS, THE PROPOSALS BEING VOTED UPON, USE OF THE PROXY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, YOU ARE URGED TO READ THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

James M. Michener *Secretary* 

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