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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 14D-9**

(RULE 14d-101)

#### SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT

#### UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 4)

### Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG

(Name of Subject Company)

### Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG

(Name of Person Filing Statement)

### Registered Shares, par value CHF 4.10 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

#### H01531104

(CUSIP Number for Registered Shares)

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This Amendment No. 4 (the "Amendment") to the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on May 8, 2017 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Schedule 14D-9") by Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG, a corporation limited by shares incorporated under the laws of Switzerland ("Allied World," the "company," "we," "our" or "us"), relating to an exchange offer by Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited, a corporation incorporated under the laws of Canada ("Fairfax"), to purchase all of the outstanding registered ordinary shares of Allied World, par value CHF 4.10 per share (the "Allied World shares"). Fairfax is making the offer to purchase all of the outstanding Allied World shares through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Fairfax Financial Holdings (Switzerland) GmbH, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Switzerland ("FFH Switzerland"), and its direct wholly owned subsidiary 1102952 B.C. Unlimited Liability Company, an unlimited liability company organized under the laws of the province of British Columbia, Canada ("Canada Sub"), to acquire all of the outstanding Allied World shares upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the prospectus dated May 8, 2017 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "prospectus"), which is part of the Registration Statement on Form F-4 initially filed by Fairfax with the SEC on February 15, 2017, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Form F-4 filed by Fairfax with the SEC on April 7, 2017, Amendment No. 2 to the Form F-4 filed by Fairfax with the SEC on May 3, 2017, and Amendment No. 3 to the Form F-4 filed by Fairfax with the SEC on May 8, 2017, and in the related letter of transmittal (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "letter of transmittal") filed as Exhibit (a)(4) to the Tender Offer Statement filed by Fairfax with the SEC on Schedule TO (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Schedule TO") on May 8, 2017. Any capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Schedule 14D-9.

The information in the Schedule 14D-9 is incorporated into this Amendment by reference to all of the applicable items in the Schedule 14D-9, except that such information is hereby amended and supplemented to the extent specifically provided herein.

The definition of "Minimum Tender Condition" and the disclosure surrounding such term as set forth in the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby amended to exclude the parenthetical that reads "(other than Allied World shares tendered by guaranteed delivery where actual delivery has not occurred)".

#### Item 8. Additional Information

Item 8 of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby supplemented by the following:

On July 3, 2017, Fairfax and Allied World announced that the Offer had been extended to 5:00 p.m. New York City time on July 5, 2017.

In accordance with the Merger Agreement and as described in the prospectus, should the Acceptance Time occur on July 6, 2017, as expected, the final exchange ratio will be determined on July 4, 2017 and will be announced by press release.

#### Item 9. Exhibits

Item 9 is hereby amended to add exhibit (a)(5)(xvi).

Exhibit
Number
Description
(a)(5)(xvi)\* Joint Press Release, dated July 3, 2017

Filed herewith

### **SIGNATURE**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Schedule 14D-9 is true, complete and correct.

### ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY HOLDINGS, AG

Date: July 3, 2017 By: /s/ SCOTT A. CARMILANI

Name: Scott A. Carmilani

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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<u>Item 8. Additional Information</u> <u>Item 9. Exhibits</u> <u>SIGNATURE</u>