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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING Matula Alan David (Month/Day/Year) CO [AEL] 12/22/2015 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) **WEST DES** Form filed by More than One MOINES, IAÂ 50266 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 5)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Ì	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Matula Alan David
6000 WESTOWN PARKWAY Â X Â Â

WEST DES MOINES, IAÂ 50266

Signatures

Debra J. Richardson, by Power of Attorney

12/28/2015

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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