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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 Person *

Hemme Rex David

(Middle)

(Last) (First)

Statement (Month/Day/Year)

07/21/2009

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE CO /TX/

[ANAT]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Director

X_ Officer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

ONE MOODY PLAZA

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Sr. VP & Actuary

10% Owner Other

(give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

GALVESTON. TXÂ 77550

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

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(Instr. 5)

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

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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)

Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

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Stock Appreciation Right	08/01/2003(1)	08/01/2012(2)	Common Stock	300	\$ 88	D	Â	
Stock Appreciation Right	05/02/2006(1)	05/02/2015(2)	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 100.46	D	Â	
Stock Appreciation	05/01/2009(1)	05/01/2018(2)	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 116.48	D	Â	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Hemme Rex David ONE MOODY PLAZA GALVESTON, TX 77550	Â	Â	Sr. VP & Actuary	Â		

Signatures

Rex D. Hemme 07/16/2009

**Signature of Pate Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) SARs become exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on the date shown.
- (2) SARs expire five years from the date they become exercisable. The date shown represents the expiration date of the final installment of SARs to become exercisable.

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