FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP INC							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WORLD AIRWAYS INC /DE/ [WLDA]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director					
(Last) 70 PINE	(F STREET		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2004								below)			belo	w)					
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10270						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)																				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea						Execution Date, ar) if any			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Dispo Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								[Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(11301.4)		
Common Stock, \$.001 par value 08/23/2004									x		1,000,000	A	\$2,500,000	,000 1,000,0		000 I		Indirectly held through a subsidiary. ⁽¹⁾		
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deer Execution if any (Month/I	n Date, Tran Code		action (Instr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exp (Mo	ate Exe iration I nth/Day		Securitie	nd Amount of is Underlying te Security and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Owners Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instr	nip of Ir Ben O) Owr	Nature ndirect leficial nership tr. 4)	
					Code	V (A) (D)	(D)	Date Exe	e rcisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)						
Warrants	\$2.5	08/23/2004			X			1,000,000		24/1999	08/23/2004	Common Stock, \$.001 par value	1 000 000	(2) 0		I	I Indirect held the a subsite (1)			

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Beneficially owned by International Lease Finance Corporation.
- 2. Not applicable. Transaction reported is an exercise of warrants.

/s/ Kathleen E. Shannon 08/25/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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).

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