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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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SCHEDULE 13D/A

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 3)*

Assured Guaranty Ltd.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title and Class of Securities)

G0585R106

(CUSIP Number)

WL Ross & Co. LLC

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September 16, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- (3) WLR/GS Fund can be deemed to share voting and dispositive power of 1,514,500 shares that were acquired by WLR Recovery Fund III, L.P., WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P. and WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P., affiliates of WLR/GS Fund, prior to the execution of the Investment Agreement.

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Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D

This Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D (this Schedule 13D/A) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D originally filed on March 10, 2008 (the Schedule 13D), the Schedule 13D/A filed on April 9, 2008 (the First Schedule 13D/A) and the Schedule 13D/A filed on May 7, 2008 (the Second Schedule 13D/A) by WLR Recovery Fund L.P. IV, WLR Recovery Fund III, L.P., WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P., WLR AGO Co-Invest, L.P., WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC, WLR Recovery Associates III LLC, INVESCO WLR IV Associates LLC, INVESCO Private Capital, Inc., WL Ross & Co. LLC, WLR/GS Master Co-Investment, L.P., WLR Master Co-Investment GP LLC, WL Ross Group, L.P., El Vedado, LLC and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. (each, a Reporting Person and collectively, the Reporting Persons). All capitalized terms used without definition in this Schedule 13D/A shall have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13D, the First Schedule 13D/A and the Second Schedule 13D/A.

This Schedule 13D/A amends the Schedule 13D, the First Schedule 13D/A and the Second Schedule 13D/A as follows:

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

Common Shares purchased by the WLR Funds are being purchased for investment purposes.

On September 16, 2008, AGO agreed to waive the standstill provisions of the Investment Agreement to permit the WLR Funds to purchase up to 5,000,000 additional shares of Common Shares of AGO (the Additional Shares) in open market transactions from time to time. There is no assurance if, when and in what amounts the WLR Funds will make any purchases. See Item 6 for additional information.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

The shares were purchased on April 8, 2008 pursuant to the Investment Agreement, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 10.68 to AGO s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

Fund IV, Fund III, Parallel Fund and WLR/GS Fund purchased 10,651,896 common shares in connection with the Issuer's private placement pursuant to the Investment Agreement for cash consideration of \$250,000,000 (the Initial Investment). WL Ross & Co. LLC (WLR), the investment manager of Fund IV, is entitled to allocate purchase obligations under the Investment Agreement (and any associated rights) among the other investment funds it manages.

On May 6, 2008, Fund IV, Fund III and Parallel Fund transferred 768,002 common shares of AGO to their affiliate, Co-Invest Fund.

The Investment Agreement also provides that:

- a) subject to certain conditions and limitations, during the first year after the Initial Investment, the Issuer may require Fund IV to purchase up to \$750,000,000 of additional Common Shares at a price equal to 97% of the volume weighted average price of a Common Share for the 15 trading days preceding the Issuer s drawdown notice (the Drawdown Price);
- b) if the Company sells Common Shares resulting in gross proceeds of \$100 million or more to any third party within six months of closing of the Initial Investment or any subsequent investment at a purchase price per share less than \$23.47 in the case of the Initial Investment or less than the Drawdown Price in the case of a subsequent investment, Fund IV is entitled to receive additional Common Shares in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the number of shares that would have been issued to Fund IV at the closing of the Initial Investment or subsequent investment had such lower price been used at the time of such initial closing or subsequent closing, minus (ii) the number of shares actually issued;
- c) subject to certain conditions and exceptions, if the Issuer completes the sale of Common Shares resulting in gross proceeds of \$100 million or more within one year following the closing of the Initial Investment or any subsequent investment, Fund IV

will be entitled to purchase Common Shares sufficient to permit Fund IV to maintain its relative common share ownership position in the Issuer on a fully diluted basis;

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- d) Fund IV will not be entitled to cast votes representing more than 9.5% of the total number of shares that can be cast at any meeting of Issuer s shareholders and agrees to vote all of its shares in proportion with the votes cast by all holders of voting securities of the Issuer on any matter put before them;
- e) Fund IV will not transfer any Common Shares acquired under the Investment Agreement, subject to agreed upon exceptions, other than (i) in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act or (ii) pursuant to the Registration Statement referenced below in open market transactions or otherwise where the Investor reasonably believes that any transferee would not own more than 4.9% of the Common Shares then outstanding after the sale, transfer or disposition;
- f) the Issuer will file a Registration Statement on Form S-3 within 90 days of the Initial Investment covering the resale of the Common Shares purchased in the Initial Investment;
- g) Fund IV agrees to a customary standstill until the later of (i) the date on which Fund IV owns Common Shares representing less than 10% of the Initial Investment, and (ii) the date six months after Wilbur Ross or any other designee of Fund IV ceases to be a director of the Issuer; and
- h) prior to the closing of the Initial Investment, the Issuer will appoint Wilbur Ross to its board of directors, effective immediately after the Issuer s 2008 annual general meeting, to serve a term expiring at the Issuer s next annual general meeting, and (ii) thereafter, as long as Fund IV beneficially owns Common Shares acquired under the Investment Agreement with an initial aggregate purchase price of \$250,000,000 or more, the Issuer s nominating committee will nominate, and the Issuer s board of directors will recommend to the Issuer s shareholders, the election of Mr. Ross or, if Mr. Ross is no longer actively involved in the day-to-day operations of WLR, a designee of Fund IV reasonably acceptable to the Issuer s nominating committee.

On September 16, 2008, AGO agreed to waive the standstill provisions of the Investment Agreement to permit the WLR Funds to purchase up to 5,000,000 Additional Shares of AGO in open market transactions from time to time. If the WLR Funds purchase all 5,000,000 Additional Shares, they would beneficially own approximately 18.9% of AGO s outstanding common shares. There is no assurance if, when and in what amounts the WLR Funds will make any purchases.

The WLR Funds have acknowledged and agreed that all of the Additional Shares purchased by them will be Controlled Shares within the meaning of AGO s Bye-Laws and that all such Additional Shares will be subject to the voting agreements and transfer restrictions contained in the Investment Agreement. Under AGO s Bye-laws, the voting rights of the Additional Shares and other Controlled Shares owned by the WLR Funds (which includes the 10,651,896 common shares purchased pursuant to the Investment Agreement) will be reduced so that they constitute less than 9.5% of the total voting power of AGO. In addition, the Investment Agreement provides that all common shares of AGO over which the WLR Funds have voting control, which includes the Additional Shares, will be voted by the WLR Funds solely in proportion to the votes cast by all holders of voting securities of AGO on any matter put before them. In addition, the WLR Funds may not, subject to certain exceptions, transfer any of the common shares they acquired under the Investment Agreement or the Additional Shares other than in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in open market transactions or otherwise where the seller reasonably believes that any transferee would not own more than 4.9% of AGO s common shares then outstanding.

AGO has agreed that any Additional Shares purchased by the WLR Funds will be entitled to the registration rights provided in the Investment Agreement.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 19, 2008

WL ROSS & CO. LLC

By:

Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., its Managing Member

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By: El Vedado, LLC its General Partner

By:

Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., its Managing Member

WLR RECOVERY FUND III, L.P.

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WLR IV PARALLEL ESC, L.P.

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By: INVESCO Private Capital, Inc., its Managing Member

By:

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^{*} The undersigned, by signing his name hereto, does sign and execute this Schedule 13D pursuant to the Powers of Attorney executed by the above-named officers and managing members of the reporting companies and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of such officers and managing members.