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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D/A**

# **UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1934**

(Amendment No. 1)\*

# **Assured Guaranty Ltd.**

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title and Class of Securities)

G0585R106

(CUSIP Number)

WL Ross & Co. LLC

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### **April 8, 2008**

### (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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#### Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D

This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this Schedule 13D/A) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D originally filed on March 10, 2008 (the Schedule 13D) by WLR Recovery Fund L.P. IV, WLR Recovery Fund III, L.P., WLR IV Parallel ESC, 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 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.

This Schedule 13D/A amends the Schedule 13D as follows:

### Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This Schedule 13D/A relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock ), of Assured Guaranty Ltd., a Bermuda corporation ( AGO ). The Issuer s principal executive offices are located at 30 Woodbourne Avenue, Hamilton HM 08 Bermuda.

### Item 2. Identity and Background.

- (a) Names of Persons Filing:
  - 1. WLR Recovery Fund IV, L.P.
  - 2. WLR Recovery Fund III, L.P.
  - 3. WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P.
  - 4. WLR/GS Master Co-Investment, L.P.
  - 5. WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC
  - 6. WLR Recovery Associates III LLC
  - 7. INVESCO WLR IV Associates LLC
  - 8. INVESCO Private Capital, Inc.
  - 9. WLR Master Co-Investment GP LLC

10. WL Ross Group, L.P. 11. El Vedado, LLC WL Ross & Co. LLC 12. 13. Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. (Each person listed above is a Reporting Person and collectively Reporting Persons ) (b) Address of principal business office for WLR Recovery Fund L.P. IV, WLR Recovery Fund III, L.P., WLR IV Parallel ESC, L.P., WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC, WLR Recovery Associates III LLC, INVESCO WLR IV Associates LLC, INVESCO Private Capital, Inc., WLR Master Co-Investment GP LLC, WL Ross & Co. LLC and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. is: 1166 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036 Address of principal business office for WLR/GS Master Co-Investment, L.P. is: c/o Walkers SPV Limited Walker House 87 Mary Street Georgetown, Grand Cayman Cayman Islands KY1-9002

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Address of principal business office for El Vedado, LLC is:

328 El Vedado Road, Palm Beach, Florida 33480

- (c) The principal occupation of each of the Reporting Persons is that of investment manager.
- (d) (e) None of the Reporting Persons, has, during the last five years, (i) been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), or (ii) been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Citizenship

See Item 6 of each cover page.

### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Cash invested in Fund IV, Fund III, Parallel Fund and WLR/GS Fund by their limited partners.

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

The first two paragraphs of Item 6 of the Schedule 13D are amended as follows:

The shares were purchased on April 8, 2008 pursuant to the Investment Agreement, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 10.68 to the Issuer 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 shares of common stock 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.

### Item 7. Material to be Filed As Exhibits.

Exhibit 1 Agreement as to Joint Filing of Schedule 13D

Exhibit 2 Disclaimer of Beneficial Ownership

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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: April 8, 2008

### WL ROSS & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., its Managing Member

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By: WLR Recovery Associates IV LLC, its General Partner

By: WL Ross Group, L.P., its Managing Member

By: El Vedado, LLC its General Partner

By: /s/ Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., its Managing Member

### WLR RECOVERY FUND III, L.P.

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By: WL Ross Group, L.P., its Managing Member

By: El Vedado, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., its Managing Member

### WLR IV PARALLEL ESC, L.P.

By: INVESCO WLR IV Associates LLC, its General Partner

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

By: /s/ Wilbur L. Ross, Jr. Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., its Chief Executive Officer

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#### EXHIBIT 1

### AGREEMENT AS TO JOINT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13D

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agree that only one statement containing the information required by Schedule 13D and any further amendments thereto need to be filed with respect to the beneficial ownership by each of the undersigned of shares of common stock of Assured Guaranty Ltd., a Bermuda corporation, and further agrees that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as an exhibit to the Schedule 13D provided that, as contemplated by Section 13d-1(k)(1)(ii), no person shall be responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other persons making the filing, unless such person knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate. This Joint Filing Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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#### **EXHIBIT 2**

### DISCLAIMER OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Each of the undersigned disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities referred to in the Schedule 13D to which this exhibit is attached, and the filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be construed as an admission that any of the undersigned is, for the purpose of Section 13D or 13G of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by Schedule 13D.

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