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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KELLY THOMAS J | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Monster Beverage Corp [MNST] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Senior VP - Monster Energy Co. | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1 MONSTER WAY | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/09/2016 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) CORONA CA 92879 | | | | 4.1 | f Amer | ndmen | t, Date | of Origina | al File | ed (Month/D | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | n | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | Person | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | Exec if an | A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed Of Code (Instr. | | es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an | | and 5) Securit | | ies cially Following | Forn (D) o | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | Transa (Instr. 3 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | , , , | |
| Common | Stock | | | 08/09/ | 2016 | | | | S | | 10,000 | D | \$159 | .66(1) | 5,717 | | | D | | |
| | | Т | able II | | | | | | | | posed of converti | | | | wned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | ivative Conversion Date urity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) | | 3A. Deemed 4 Execution Date, 1 if any C | | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. | | mber rative rities iired r osed) : 3, 4 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisal | ble | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | er | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$47.13 | | | | | | | | (2) | | 03/14/2023 | Common Stock | (3) | | | 11,250 | | D | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$70.06 | | | | | | | | (4) | | 03/14/2024 | Common Stock | (3) | | | 10,000 | | D | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$111.3 | | | | | | | | (5) | | 12/01/2024 | Common Stock | (3) | | | 15,000 | | D | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$135.48 | | | | | | | | (6) | | 03/13/2025 | Common Stock | (3) | | | 12,000 | | D | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$131.96 | | | | | | | | (7) | | 03/14/2026 | Common Stock | (3) | | | 12,500 | | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (8) | | | | | | | | (9) | | (10) | Common Stock | (3) | | | 1,500 | | D | | |
| Restricted Stock | (8) | | | | | | _ | | (11) | T | (10) | Common Stock | (3) | | | 1,000 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$159.491 to \$159.831. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- 2. The options are currently vested with respect to 3,000 shares. The remaining options vest in two installments as follows: 3,750 shares on March 14, 2017; 4,500 shares on March 14, 2018.
- 3. No transaction is being reported at this time. This line is only reporting holdings as of the date hereof.
- 4. The options are currently vested with respect to 2,500 shares. The remaining options vest in three installments as follows: 2,000 shares on March 14, 2017; 2,500 shares on March 14, 2018; 3,000 shares on March 14, 2019. The options will become exercisable on the one year anniversary from the date on which they vested.
- 5. The options are currently vested with respect to 1,500 shares. The remaining options vest in four installments as follows: 2,250 shares on December 1, 2016; 3,000 shares on December 1, 2017; 3,750 shares on December 1, 2018; 4,500 shares on December 1, 2019. The options will become exercisable on the one year anniversary from the date on which they vested.

- 6. The options are currently vested with respect to 2,400 shares. The remaining options vest in four equal installments on March 13, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.
- 7. The options vest in five installments as follows: 1,250 shares on March 14, 2017; 1,875 shares on March 14, 2018; 2,500 shares on March 14, 2019; 3,125 shares on March 14, 2020; 3,750 shares on March 14, 2021.
- 8. The restricted stock units were granted under the Monster Beverage Corporation 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock as of the vesting date.
- 9. The remaining restricted stock units vest on June 1, 2017.
- 10. Not applicable.
- 11. The remaining restricted stock units vest in two equal installments on December 1, 2016 and 2017.

Paul J. Dechary, attorney-infact 08/11/2016

** 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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