

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>EPSTEIN NORMAN</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>1 MONSTER WAY</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>CORONA CA 92879</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Monster Beverage Corp [ MNST ]</u><br><br>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>06/06/2018</u><br><br>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><br>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |                | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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          |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                | 14,280 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/06/2018                           |  | J                              |   | 24,000  | D          | <sup>(2)</sup> | 0 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By Shoreland Investments Limited <sup>(2)</sup>       |

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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |   |  |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(3)</sup>   | 06/06/2018                           |  | M                              |   |  | 3,244 | 06/06/2018   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock  | 3,244                      | <sup>(3)</sup>                             | 0  | D   |  |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <sup>(5)</sup>   | 06/07/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 3,123  |       | <sup>(6)</sup>   | <sup>(4)</sup>  | Common Stock  | 3,123                      | \$0  | 3,123  | D   |  |
| Deferred Stock Units                       | <sup>(7)</sup>   | 06/06/2018                           |  | A                              |   | 3,244 <sup>(8)</sup>   |       | <sup>(9)</sup>   | <sup>(9)</sup>  | Common Stock  | 3,244                      | <sup>(3)(8)</sup>                          | 3,244  | D   |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. No transaction is being reported at this time. This line is only reporting holdings as of the date hereof.
2. The reporting person is no longer a director of Shoreland Investments Limited and, accordingly, disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
3. Each restricted stock unit represents either (i) a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock or (ii) a cash amount equal to the number of shares received as of the vesting date. These restricted stock units were settled as shares of common stock and the Reporting Person has elected to defer the same, see footnote 9 below.
4. Not applicable.
5. Each restricted stock unit represents either (i) a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock or (ii) a cash amount equal to the number of shares received as of the vesting date.
6. The restricted stock units vest with respect to 100% of such restricted stock units on the last business day prior to the Company's 2019 annual shareholder meeting, provided that the reporting person continues as a director of the Company through such date.
7. Each Deferred Stock Unit is economically equivalent to one share of Common Stock.
8. Deferred Stock Units credited to the reporting person under the Monster Beverage Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Deferral Plan"), a sub-plan of the Monster Beverage Corporation 2017 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, effective May 1, 2017, which may include voluntary deferred compensation.
9. The Deferred Stock Units credited under the Deferral Plan are settled (other than fractional units) in stock and are generally payable in the form elected or provided under the Deferral Plan on the earliest of: (i) a specified date or event designated by the reporting person, (ii) in the calendar year following the year in which the reporting person's service with the Board separates, or (iii) upon death, disability or change in control as defined under the Deferral Plan.

/s/ Norman Epstein 06/08/2018  
\*\* 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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