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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* <u>SACKS RODNEY C</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1 MONSTER WAY  (Street) CORONA CA 92879  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Monster Beverage Corp [ MNST ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2018	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	03/13/2018		M		38,100	A	(1)	987,906	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2018		M		39,000	A	(1)	1,026,906	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2018		M		38,700	A	(1)	1,065,606	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2018		A		7,870 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$0	1,073,476	D	
Common Stock								5,645,568	I	By Brandon Limited Partnership No. 1 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								29,386,944	I	By Brandon Limited Partnership No. 2 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								104,772	I	By Hilrod Holdings IV, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								214,284	I	By Hilrod Holdings V, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								323,700	I	By Hilrod Holdings VI, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								120,216	I	By Hilrod Holdings VII, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								568,584	I	By Hilrod Holdings VIII, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								453,444	I	By Hilrod Holdings IX, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								249,918	I	By Hilrod Holdings X, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>

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Common Stock								505,242	I	By Hilrod Holdings XI, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								327,186	I	By Hilrod Holdings XII, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								1,440,954	I	By Hilrod Holdings XIII, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								186,790	I	By Hilrod Holdings XIV, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								4,176	I	By Hilrod Holdings XV, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								2,249,190	I	By Hilrod Holdings XVI, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								3,091,215	I	By HHS 2010 GRAT #3 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								28,722	I	By HHS 2014 GRAT #2 <sup>(3)</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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.94							(4)	12/01/2019	Common Stock	(5)		16,830	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.94							(4)	12/01/2019	Common Stock	(5)		283,170	I	By Hilrod Holdings XVI, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.99							(4)	06/03/2023	Common Stock	(5)		11,118	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.99							(4)	06/03/2023	Common Stock	(5)		408,882	I	By Hilrod Holdings XVI, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.99							(4)	06/03/2023	Common Stock	(5)		210,000	I	By Hilrod Holdings XV, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.35							(4)	03/14/2024	Common Stock	(5)		210,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$23.35							(4)	03/14/2024	Common Stock	(5)		420,000	I	By Hilrod Holdings XVI, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$45.16							(4)	03/13/2025	Common Stock	(5)		158,400	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$45.16							(4)	03/13/2025	Common Stock	(5)		79,200	I	By Hilrod Holdings XVI, L.P. <sup>(3)</sup>

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$43.99							(6)	03/14/2026	Common Stock	(5)		315,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$46.27							(7)	03/14/2027	Common Stock	(5)		305,500	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$58.73	03/14/2018		A		264,000		(8)	03/14/2028	Common Stock	264,000	\$0	264,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(9)	03/13/2018		M			38,100	(10)	(11)	Common Stock	38,100	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(9)	03/14/2018		M			39,000	(12)	(11)	Common Stock	39,000	\$0	39,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(9)	03/14/2018		M			38,700	(13)	(11)	Common Stock	38,700	\$0	77,400	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(9)	03/14/2018		A		102,200		(14)	(11)	Common Stock	102,200	\$0	102,200	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock as of the vesting date. Accordingly, these restricted stock units were settled in shares of common stock.
- The common stock award was granted under the Monster Beverage Corporation 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan. The award is immediately vested.
- The reporting person is one of the general partners of each of Brandon Limited Partnership No. 1, Brandon Limited Partnership No. 2, Hilrod Holdings IV, L.P., Hilrod Holdings V, L.P., Hilrod Holdings VI, L.P., Hilrod Holdings VII, L.P., Hilrod Holdings VIII, L.P., Hilrod Holdings IX, L.P., Hilrod Holdings X, L.P., Hilrod Holdings XI, L.P., Hilrod Holdings XII, L.P., Hilrod Holdings XIII, L.P., Hilrod Holdings XIV, L.P., Hilrod Holdings XV, L.P., and Hilrod Holdings XVI, L.P. The reporting person is the trustee of each of HHS 2010 GRAT #3 and HHS 2014 GRAT #2.
- The options are currently vested.
- No transaction is being reported at this time. This line is only reporting holdings as of the date hereof.
- The options are currently vested with respect to 210,000 shares. The remaining options vest on March 14, 2019.
- The options are currently vested with respect to 101,834 shares. The remaining options vest in two equal installments on March 14, 2019 and 2020.
- The options vest in three equal installments on March 14, 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- 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.
- The restricted stock units are fully vested.
- Not applicable.
- The remaining restricted stock units vest on March 14, 2019.
- The restricted stock units vest in two equal installments on March 14, 2019 and 2020.
- The restricted stock units vest in three equal installments on March 14, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Paul J. Dechary, attorney-in-fact      03/15/2018

\*\* 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).

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