Common Stock

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(A) or (D)

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Check all applicable) Monster Beverage Corp [MNST] TABER HAROLD C JR X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 06/06/2018 1 MONSTER WAY 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable (Street) X Form filed by One Reporting Person **CORONA** CA 92879 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 2. Transaction Date 7. Nature of 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Transaction **Execution Date** Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. Beneficially (D) or Indirect **Beneficial** 8) (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Reported

Code

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)		re es I (A) or d of	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	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		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	06/06/2018		М			3,244	06/06/2018	(3)	Common Stock	3,244	(2)	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	06/07/2018		A		3,123		(5)	(3)	Common Stock	3,123	\$0	3,123	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.4 ⁽¹⁾							(6)	06/09/2020	Common Stock	(1)		13,002 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.35 ⁽¹⁾							(6)	05/18/2021	Common Stock	(1)		7,770 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Deferred Stock	(7)	06/06/2018		A		3,244 ⁽⁸⁾		(9)	(9)	Common Stock	3,244	(2)(8)	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. 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 8 below.
- 3. Not applicable.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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
- 6. The options are currently vested.
- 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/ Paul J. Dechary, attorney-in-06/08/2018 fact

** 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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