

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>EPSTEIN NORMAN</u> | | | 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 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/16/2017</u> | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| <u>1 MONSTER WAY</u> | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | |
| (Street) | <u>CORONA</u> | <u>CA</u> | <u>92879</u> | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |

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 | 06/16/2017 | | M | | 3,237 | A | (1) | 22,050 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 24,000 ⁽³⁾ | I | By Shoreland Investments Limited ⁽⁴⁾ |

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 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 06/16/2017 | | M | | 3,237 | | 06/16/2017 | (5) | Common Stock | 3,237 | (1) | 0 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (6) | 06/19/2017 | | A | | 3,244 | | (7) | (5) | Common Stock | 3,244 | \$0 | 3,244 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 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. The reporting person settled these restricted stock units in shares of common stock.
- On November 9, 2016, the common stock of Monster Beverage Corporation split 3-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 12,542 additional shares of common stock.
- On November 9, 2016, the common stock of Monster Beverage Corporation split 3-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 16,000 additional shares of common stock.
- The reporting person is a director of Shoreland Investments Limited and disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- Not applicable.
- 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.
- The restricted stock units vest with respect to 100% of such restricted stock units on the last business day prior to the Company's 2018 annual shareholder meeting, provided that the reporting person continues as a director of the Company through such date.

/s/ Paul J. Dechary, attorney-in-fact 06/20/2017

** 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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