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| July 20, 2016 | | | | | | | | | OMB APPROVAL | | | |
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| Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | | | | | 0.0 | | | |
| (Print or Type R | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAKOWER JOSHUA Symbol | | | Symbol | er Name and Ticker or Trading | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) (i | Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check | | | | | k all applicable) | | | | |
| (Month/D 1954 GREENSPRING 07/18/20 DRIVE, SUITE 600 | | | • | | | | DirectorOfficer (give title below)Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| (Street) 4. If Amo | | | 4. If Ame | endment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| Filed(Mor | | | | nth/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | |
| TIMONIUM, MD 21093 | | | | | | | | | More than One Reporting | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-E | erivative Se | ecuriti | ies Acqu | iired, Disposed of, | , or Beneficial | ly Owned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deem Execution any (Month/D | | | n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | | of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/18/2016 | | | P <u>(1)</u> | 763,651 | A | \$ 8.73 | 2,665,520 | Ι | See Note $2 \frac{(2)}{2}$ | | |
| Common Stock | 07/18/2016 | | | P <u>(1)</u> | 763,650 | А | \$ 8.73 | 2,665,519 | I | See Note 3 (3) | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 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) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | Secur | unt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|---|---|--|---|---------------------|--------------------|-------|--|---|--|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| MAKOWER JOSHUA 1954 GREENSPRING DRIVE SUITE 600 TIMONIUM, MD 21093 | | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-fact | 07/20/2016 | | | | | | |
| <u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person | | Date | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Acquired from the issuer pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated July 14, 2016, with a closing date of July 18, 2016.

The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 15 GP, LLC, ("NEA 15 GP") which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 15, L.P. ("NEA Partners 15"). NEA Partners 15 is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 15, L. P. ("NEA 15"), the direct

(2) beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the securities held by NEA 15 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

The Reporting Person is a manager of NEA 15 GP which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 15-OF, L.P. ("NEA Partners 15-OF"). NEA Partners 15-OF is the sole general partner of NEA 15 Opportunity Fund, L. P. ("NEA Opportunity 15"), the direct

(3) beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the securities held by NEA Opportunity 15 in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

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