TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

BLACKHAWK NETWORK HOLDINGS, INC [HAWK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

03/13/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Executive Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

| (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. Securitie oner Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 | d of (Ľ | Price | 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) | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2018 | | M | 375,000 (1) | A | \$ 17.531 (2) | 556,405 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2018 | | F | 259,996 (3) | D | \$ 44.75 (4) | 296,409 | D | | |

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 | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (| Expiration Da (Month/Day/ or | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| | Security | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, at 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amoun Number Shares | |
| Stock Option (Right to Purchase) | \$ 17.531 | 03/13/2018 | | M | 375,00 | 00 08/12/2015 | 5 03/14/2018 | Common Stock | 375,0 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting owner runner runners | Director | ector 10% Owner Officer | | Other | | | |
| TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y 6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD PLEASANTON, CA 94588 | X | | Executive Chairman | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ YANG LIU, Attorney-in-Fact 03/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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) Reflects shares of common stock acquired upon exercise of stock options by the Reporting Person.
- (2) Reflects the per-share exercise price of the common stock upon exercise of such stock options.
- (3) Represents shares of common stock forfeited to the Issuer to satisfy the exercise price and tax-withholding obligations of the Reporting Person in connection with the exercise of stock options.
- (4) Represents the closing price of the common stock on the date of forfeiture.

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