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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

DONNELL JON M Issuer Symbol AVATAR HOLDINGS INC (Check all applicable) [AVTR] _X__ Director 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, 12TH 11/15/2010 PRESIDENT AND CEO **FLOOR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(State)

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership of Indirect Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect Following (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price (D) Code V Amount RESTRICTED \$0 (1) **COMMON** 11/15/2010 A 310,000 D A 310,000 (2) STOCK (1) (2)

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)

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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DONNELL JON M 201 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE 12TH FLOOR CORAL GABLES, FL 33134	X		PRESIDENT AND CEO			

Signatures

JON M.
DONNELL 11/17/2010

**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).

Of the 310,000 Restricted Shares of Common Stock (the "Shares") awarded, 70,000 Shares (the "time based award") vest incrementally over a time period ending December 31, 2014, and up to 240,000 Shares (the "performance based award") vest depending upon the price

- (1) of the Issuer's Common Stock being at least equal to specified hurdle prices (ranging from \$25 to \$40) for 20 trading days out of any consecutive 30-day period of time at dates through December 31, 2015, in each case subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment with the Issuer. (See Note 2 for a continued description of the terms and conditions of the award of the Shares.)
 - Subject to the terms of that certain Employment Agreement dated as of October 19, 2010 between the Issuer and the Reporting Person (the "Agreement"), in the event the Reporting Person's employment is terminated by the Issuer without Cause (as such term is defined in the Agreement) or the Reporting Person terminates his employment for Good Reason (as such term is defined in the Agreement),
- (2) Reporting Person will be entitled to receive: (a) a number of the time based award Shares that will vest as of the date of termination based on the number of Shares that would have vested during that year and the number of days Reporting Person worked that year; and (b) any performanced based Shares that would have vested on December 31 of the year in which termination occurs (because some or all of the applicable provisions of the Agreement were satisfied before the date of such termination).

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