

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cauley Robert E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3305 FLAMINGO DRIVE (Street) VERO BEACH FL 32963 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Orchid Island Capital, Inc. [ORC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President, CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2016	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	07/01/2016		M		412 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	A	\$10.29 ⁽³⁾	22,107	D	
Common Stock	09/30/2016		M		412 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	A	\$10.42 ⁽⁴⁾	22,519	D	
Common Stock	12/30/2016		M		412 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$10.83 ⁽⁵⁾	22,931	D	

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					

Explanation of Responses:

- These shares represent 412 shares of the Company's common stock issued upon the vesting of Performance Units awarded to the Reporting Person on January 21, 2015 pursuant to the Issuer's 2012 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan and 2015 Long Term Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. Each Performance Unit represents the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock subject to the Reporting Person continuing to serve as an executive officer of the Issuer, and are earned at a rate of 10% per quarter commencing with the quarter ended March 31, 2016 and concluding with the quarter ended June 30, 2018. The Reporting Person received cash in lieu of fractional shares.
- This small acquisition was exempt from contemporaneous filing of a separate Form 4 pursuant to Rule 16a-6.
- The price represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on June 30, 2016.
- The price represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on September 30, 2016.
- The price represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on December 30, 2016.

/s/ Robert E. Cauley 01/03/2017

** 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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