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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Haas G Hunter IV | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
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| (Last) | (Fi | rst) | (Middle) | | | | | | | | | : | Officer (o | jive title | | Other (sp below) | ecify | |
| C/O BIMINI CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2017 | | | | | | | | CFO, CIO and Secretary | | | | | |
| 3305 FLA | MINGO D | RIVE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) VERO BEACH FL 32963 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| (City) | (St | ate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Ta | able I - Non | -Deriva | tive S | ecurities | Acq | uired, | Dis | posed o | f, or Ben | eficially | Owned | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securiti Disposed | ies Acquired Of (D) (Instr. | (A) or 3, 4 and 5) | nd 5) Securities Beneficially Ov Following | | Form: | Direct Indirect Istr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transactio (Instr. 3 an | | | | nstr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 03/13 | | | | 03/13/2 | 2017 | | | A | | 6,152 | 1) A | \$9.55(| 40,6 | 40,638 | | D | | |
| Common Stock 03/13 | | | | 03/13/2 | 2017 | | | F | | 461(2) | D | \$9.55 | 2) 40,1 | 40,177 | | D | | |
| | | | Table II - [| | | | | | | | or Benef ole securi | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | e (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 5. Number of Derivative | | | Exerci | sable and | 7. Title and Securities Derivative (Instr. 3 and | Amount o Underlying Security | | 9. Numb derivativ Securitie Benefici Owned Followin Reporter Transact | e Owners s Form: Direct (i) or Indirect (I) (Insti | Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Amount o | | (Instr. 4) | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Performance

1. Shares of the Company's common stock issued under the 2012 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan and the 2016 Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. The price is based on the market closing price on March 13, 2017.

Date

Exercisable

03/31/2018

(D)

Expiration Date

06/30/2020

Title

Stock

Number of

6,152(3)(4)

\$9.55⁽³⁾

25,391.54⁽³⁾

Date

D

Shares

** Signature of Reporting Person

- 2. The Reporting Person disposed of these shares of the Company's common stock to the Issuer to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the grant of shares that occurred on March 13, 2017
- 3. Performance units issued under the 2012 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan and the 2016 Long-Term Equity Incentive Compensation Plan. The price is based on the market closing price on March 13, 2017. The performance units are earned at the rate of 10% per quarter commencing with the quarter ending March 31, 2018 and concluding with the quarter ending June 30, 2020.
- 4. Each performance unit shall be settled by the issuance of one share of the Company's common stock, at which time the performance unit shall be cancelled. Each performance unit is subject to adjustment as set forth in a performance unit award agreement by and between the Issuer and the Reporting Person.

/s/ G. Hunter Haas, IV 03/15/2017

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).

03/13/2017

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(A)

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