

RiceBran Technologies
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Smith Robert D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RiceBran Technologies [RIBT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2928 RAMCO STREET, SUITE 120
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/08/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CEO and President

WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option, right to buy	\$ 0.76	03/08/2017	A	100,000					(1)	03/08/2027	Common Stock	100,000
Common Stock Option, right to buy	\$ 0.85	04/06/2017	A	75,000					(2)	04/06/2027	Common Stock	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Robert D 2928 RAMCO STREET SUITE 120 WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691	X		CEO and President	

Signatures

J. Dale Belt, by power of attorney
04/26/2017

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) The option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25,000 option shares on August 17, 2017, as to 2,083 option shares monthly beginning September 17, 2017 for 35 months, and as to 2,095 option shares on August 17, 2020.
- (2) The option vests and becomes exercisable as to 25% of the option shares annually beginning April 6, 2018.

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