

Preiss Chad Robert
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Preiss Chad Robert

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1081 WOODWARD WAY

(Street)

FORT COLLINS, CO 80524

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Woodward, Inc. [WWD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/19/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

President, Engine Systems

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

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 | | | | |
| Woodward, Inc. Common Stock | 07/19/2017 | | M | | 168.94 (1) (2) | A | (1) (2) 16,811.22 | D | |
| Woodward, Inc. Common Stock | 07/19/2017 | | F | | 50.94 (3) | D | \$ 69.3 16,760.28 | D | |
| Woodward, Inc. Common Stock | | | | | | | 14,874 (4) | I | Woodward Retirement Savings Plan |

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- (2) The acquisition of shares represents a predetermined automatic distribution from the Plan based on the terms of the Plan and does not represent an open-market purchase by the reporting person.
- (3) Shares withheld to cover the tax liability incident to the issuance of shares under the Woodward Executive Benefit Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

The information in this report regarding the number of shares held by the reporting person in the Woodward Retirement Savings Plan is
- (4) based on the calculation of July 19, 2017 and includes 238 shares acquired under the Woodward Retirement Savings Plan since the date of the reporting person's last Form 4 with Table I reporting.
- (5) Phantom Stock Units disposed of incident to the settlement of a distribution from the Plan in accordance with Rule 16b-3.

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