

MITCHELL MAX H
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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 *
MITCHELL MAX H

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE
(Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06902-6784

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CRANE CO /DE/ [CR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/24/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 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 (D) Price		
CRANE CO. COMMON, PAR VALUE \$1.00	08/24/2017		M		50,000 (1) \$ 50.03	D	
CRANE CO. COMMON, PAR VALUE \$1.00	08/24/2017		F		41,885 (1) \$ 73.02	D	
CRANE CO. COMMON,	08/24/2017		A		23 (2) \$ 0	I	401(K)

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 - (2) Between January 1, 2017 and July 31, 2017, Mr. Mitchell acquired an aggregate of 23 shares of common stock at prevailing market prices through the issuer's 401(K) plan.
 - (3) This option vested 25% on the first, 50% on the second, 75% on the third, and 100% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date (01/23/2012).

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