

BLACKHAWK NETWORK HOLDINGS, INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BLACKHAWK NETWORK HOLDINGS, INC [HAWK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2015

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Executive Officer

PLEASANTON, CA 94588
 (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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 1,001 (1) | D | |

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)

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 39.11 | 02/23/2015 | | A | 165,150 | (2) | 02/23/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 165,150 |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) | (3) | 02/23/2015 | | A | 50,500 | (4) | (4) | Class A Common Stock | 50,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y 6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD PLEASANTON, CA 94588 | | X | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Suzan S. Rowland, as Attorney-in-Fact for William Y. Tauscher

02/26/2015

__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) Includes 64 shares acquired under the Blackhawk Network Holdings, Inc. 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") on October 31, 2014. The ESPP shares were acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).
The shares vest pursuant to the following schedule: Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option vest on each of the
- (2) first, second, third, and fourth anniversary of February 23, 2015, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A Common Stock.
The restricted stock units vest pursuant to the following schedule: Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option vest on
- (4) each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversary of February 23, 2015, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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