

Haughton Jeffrey
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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 *
Haughton Jeffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY

(Street)

LIVERMORE, CA 94551

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Performant Financial Corp [PFMT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/12/2018

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)

See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
__X__ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share | 04/12/2018 | | M | | 20,567 A \$ 3.01 | 121,840 | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share | 04/12/2018 | | F | | 7,113 (1) D \$ 3.01 | 114,727 | 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)

| 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 04/12/2018 | | M | 20,567 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 20,567 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Haughton Jeffrey 333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY LIVERMORE, CA 94551 | | | | See Remarks |

Signatures

/s/ Ian A. Johnston as attorney-in-fact for Jeffrey R. Haughton

04/16/2018

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) Shares surrendered to pay tax liability due on vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PFMT's common stock. The units were awarded at no cost to the Reporting Person.
Restricted Stock Unit award was granted on 04/12/16. 25% of the shares vested on April 12, 2017 and 25% of the shares vested on April 12, 2018, with 25% more vesting on each of the second and third anniversaries of the initial vest date, provided that the Reporting Person remains in continuous service through each vest date.

Remarks:

President and Chief Operating Officer

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