

Preiss Chad Robert
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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 *
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
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, Engine Systems

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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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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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Row 1: Phantom Stock, (1) (2), 07/19/2017, M(5), 168.94, 07/19/2017, 07/19/2017, Woodward, Inc. Common Stock, 168.94

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Row 1: Preiss Chad Robert, 1081 WOODWARD WAY, FORT COLLINS, CO 80524; Director 10% Owner, Officer, President, Engine Systems

Signatures

Phoebe A. Larson, by Power of Attorney, 07/21/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person, Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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The reporting person participates in the Woodward Executive Benefit Plan (Plan). Pursuant to an election made under the Plan, each phantom stock unit (PSU) distributed under the Plan on 7/19/2017 entitled the reporting person to receive on share of Woodward, Inc. (Company) common stock, less shares not distributed to the reporting person to cover tax liabilities. See footnote 3. The reporting person received a net distribution of 118 shares of Company common stock. PSUs are accrued under the Plan and are to be settled in 100% stock on a 1-for-1 basis at the distribution date specified at the time of election. Each PSU is the economic equivalent of one share of Company common stock. The total shown represents the dollar amount of deferrals divided by the current share price and, therefore, the number of shares reported may fluctuate from period to period. The total shown also includes PSUs acquired in connection with dividend re-investments and other acquisitions made under the 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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