

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b><br><br><b>Elton Robert George</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br><b>C/O RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INC., 9500 GLENLYON PARKWAY</b><br><br>(Street)<br><br><b>BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br><br><b>RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC [RBA ]</b> | <b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span><br>_____ Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span> |
| <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b><br><br><p align="center"><b>5/15/2018</b></p>   |  | <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |
| <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  |  |   |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 |   |  |   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred Share Units                     | (1)  | 5/15/2018      |                                   | A                         |   | 753  |     | (2)                                     | (2)             | Common Shares   | 753                        | \$0.00                                     | 14637  | D  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Each Deferred Share Unit ("DSU") represents the economic equivalent of one RBA common share.
- (2) Following the reporting person ceasing to hold any position as a director of RBA or any of its subsidiaries and not otherwise being employed by RBA or any of its subsidiaries ("Termination"), a lump sum cash payment will be made by RBA to the reporting person, net of tax withholding, calculated by multiplying the number of DSUs by the fair market value of one RBA common share as of (i) the 24th business day after the first publication by or on behalf of RBA of interim financial statements and MD&A for the fiscal quarter of the corporation following such Termination or (ii) where the Termination occurs in RBA's fourth fiscal quarter, the 24th business day (or such fewer number of business days as may be determined by the Committee) after the first publication by or on behalf of RBA of annual financial statements and MD&As for such fiscal year of RBA.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>Elton Robert George<br/>C/O RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INC.<br/>9500 GLENLYON PARKWAY<br/>BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6</b> | <b>X</b>      |           |         |       |

**Signatures**

/s/ Maria Teresa as attorney-in-fact for Robert George Elton

5/15/2018

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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