

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|   |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *                 |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  |  |
| Watt Darren Jeffrey                                       |  | RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC [RBA ]               |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Gen. Counsel &amp; Corp. Secretary</b> |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  |  |  |
| C/O RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INC., 9500 GLENLYON PARKWAY |  | 12/31/2017  |  |  |  |
| (Street)  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |  |
| BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6                                       |  |   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                      |  |   |  |  |  |

**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   |   |  |   |
| Common Shares                   | 12/31/2017     |                                   | J                         | V | 557   | A          | \$29.73 | 2016  | I  | Employee Stock Purchase Plan                          |

**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) |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |                |                                   | Code                      | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

- This report is being filed voluntarily to reflect ESPP shares purchased from March 10, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in multiple transactions exempted by Rule 16b-3(c).
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. The shares were acquired in multiple transactions from March 10, 2017 through December 31, 2017, at prices ranging from \$26.96 to \$33.84, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares acquired at each separate price within the ranges set forth above.

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Watt Darren Jeffrey<br>C/O RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INC.<br>9500 GLENLYON PARKWAY<br>BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6 |               |           | Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secretary |       |

### Signatures

Maria Teresa Punsalan as attorney-in-fact for Darren Jeffrey Watt

3/2/2018

\*\*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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