

EMPIRE RESORTS INC
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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 *
D AMATO JOSEPH A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MONTICELLO CASINO AND RACEWAY, ROUTE 17B, P.O. BOX 5013

(Street)

MONTICELLO, NY 12701

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
EMPIRE RESORTS INC [NYNY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/29/2015

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)
Chief Executive Officer

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10/29/2015		M ⁽¹⁾	53,333	A \$ 2.79	265,630	D
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10/29/2015		D ⁽¹⁾	39,216	D \$ 4.81	226,414	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.79	10/29/2015		M ⁽¹⁾	53,333	⁽²⁾ 11/08/2015	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share 53,333

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
D AMATO JOSEPH A C/O MONTICELLO CASINO AND RACEWAY ROUTE 17B, P.O. BOX 5013 MONTICELLO, NY 12701	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Joseph A. D'Amato 11/02/2015

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The exercise of the option was net settled with the Company and 30,935 shares of common stock were withheld to pay the exercise price and 8,281 shares of common stock were withheld to pay the applicable tax payments relating to the exercise pursuant to Section 16b-3(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

(2) The option was fully vested and exercisable as of November 9, 2013.

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