

BLACKHAWK NETWORK HOLDINGS, INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BLACKHAWK NETWORK HOLDINGS, INC [HAWK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/13/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Executive Chairman

PLEASANTON, CA 94588  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/13/2017		A		23,700 (1)	A	(2) 77,616 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)**

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y 6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X		Executive Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Yang Liu,  
Attorney-In-Fact

02/15/2017

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- Represents a grant of 23,700 restricted stock units (RSUs) granted on February 13, 2017 under the Blackhawk Network Holdings, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Award Plan. The RSUs vest pursuant to the following schedule: Twenty-five percent (25%) of the shares subject to the RSUs vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversary of February 13, 2017, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Company on each such vesting date.
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Common Stock.
  - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Common Stock.

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