NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NICHOLAS FINANCIAL INC [NICK] A Bates Kevin Dean (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2014 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2454 MCMULLEN BOOTH (Check all applicable) DRIVE, BLDG C (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Senior VP Branch Operations Person CLEARWATER, FLÂ 33759 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 11,050 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	05/12/2015	Common Stock	1,650	\$ 9.41	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	05/08/2017	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 8.21 (2)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	03/19/2018	Common Stock	3,300	\$ 3.6 (2)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(8)	11/06/2018	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 0.77 (2)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	05/05/2019	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 1.2 (2)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	05/09/2021	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 10.96 (2)	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	05/03/2022	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 10.87 (2)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bates Kevin Dean 2454 MCMULLEN BOOTH DRIVE BLDG C CLEARWATER. FL 33759	Â	Â	Senior VP Branch Operations	Â

Signatures

/s/ Kevin D. Bates	06/03/2014		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 12, 2005.
- (2) The exercise price has been reduced by \$2.00 per the Equity Plan requirements as a result of the December 2012 special cash dividend.
- (3) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 8, 2007.
- (4) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning March 19, 2008.
- (5) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 5, 2009.
- (6) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 9, 2011.
- (7) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning May 3, 2012.

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(8) The option vested in five equal annual installments beginning November 6, 2008.

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