

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)  
 11/09/2016

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 11/09/2016                           |  | M                              | 50,000 A  | \$ 13.631   | 69,998 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 11/09/2016                           |  | S                              | 50,000 D  | \$ 33.856   | 19,998   | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 13.631  | 11/09/2016                           |  | M                              | 50,000  | (3) 03/09/2017   | Common Stock  | 50,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Yang Liu,  
Attorney-In-Fact

11/11/2016

\*\*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).
- (1) Includes 570 shares acquired under the Blackhawk Network Holdings, Inc. 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") on April 29, 2016. The ESPP shares were acquired in transactions exempt from Section 16(b).  
Transaction executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$33.60 to \$34.03 per share, inclusive. The price reported in column 4 of Table I above reflects the weighted average sale price per share. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide the SEC staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each respective price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- (2) The shares vest pursuant to the following schedule: Twenty Percent (20%) of the shares subject to the option vest on each of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth anniversary of March 9, 2010, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Company on each such vesting date.
- (3) second, third, fourth and fifth anniversary of March 9, 2010, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Company on each such vesting date.

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