

MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC
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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 *
 Sciammas Maurice

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MONOLITHIC POWER SYSTEMS INC [MPWR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 79 GREAT OAKS BLVD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. V.P.of Sales and Marketing

SAN JOSE, CA 95119
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 07/22/2014 ⁽¹⁾ | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 43,200 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 10/21/2014 ⁽²⁾ | | M ⁽²⁾ | | 43,200 ⁽²⁾ | A | \$ 0 |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2014 | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 7,086 | D | \$ 46.4214 ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2014 | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$ 15.03 ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | 11/21/2014 | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 10,000 | D | \$ 46.2492 |

(6)

Common Stock 2,000 I by Family Trust

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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 15.74 (5) | 11/21/2014 | | M | | 10,000 10/28/2010 10/28/2015 | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares (7) | (8) | 12/14/2013 | | A(9) | 216,000 (7) | (8) (8) | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | (8) | 07/22/2014(1) | | M(1) | 43,200 (1) | (8) (8) | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | (8) | 10/21/2014(2) | | M(2) | 43,200 (2) | (8) (8) | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sciammas Maurice
79 GREAT OAKS BLVD
SAN JOSE, CA 95119

Sr. V.P.of Sales and Marketing

Signatures

By: Saria Tseng For: Maurice Sciammas

11/21/2014

**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) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a restricted stock unit upon MPWR's common stock achieving a 20-day average closing price of \$40.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"). Credited performance units are still subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances.

(2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a restricted stock unit upon MPWR's common stock achieving a 20-day average closing price of \$43.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"). Credited performance units are still subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances.

(3) Transaction was executed during an authorized trading window in compliance with the Company's Insider Trading Compliance Program.

(4) The price is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The prices for the transactions reported on this line range from \$46.4201 to \$46.51. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(5) On December 11, 2012, the Company's Board declared a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per common share, which was paid on December 28, 2012 to all shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 21, 2012. The Board approved a modification whereby each outstanding option as of December 28, 2012 was increased by a ratio of 1.0471 with a corresponding reduction in the exercise price.

(6) The price is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The prices for the transactions reported on this line range from \$46.19 to \$46.38. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(7) The reporting person was granted 43,200 performance units on December 14, 2013. Each performance unit vests as stated: one share of MPWR common stock will be credited for each performance unit if the price of MPWR common stock achieves a 20-day average closing price of \$40.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"), and up to four additional shares will be credited for each performance unit if the 20-day average closing price reaches \$43.00, \$47.00, \$52.00, and \$56.00 (one share per price level) during the Performance Period. Credited performance units are subject to an additional, five-year, quarterly, time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances. The derivative securities reported in columns 5 and 9 reflect the maximum payout achievable. If the Company does not achieve a price threshold within the Performance Period, 1/5 of the reported derivative securities will be forfeited.

(8) Each performance unit will vest as follows: one share of MPWR common stock will be credited for each performance unit if the price of MPWR common stock achieves a 20-day average closing price of \$40.00 per share from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 (the "Performance Period"), and up to four additional shares will be credited for each performance unit if the 20-day average closing price reaches \$43.00, \$47.00, \$52.00 and \$56.00 (that is, one share per price level) during the Performance Period. Credited performance units are then subject to an additional, quarterly, five-year time-based vesting schedule beginning January 1, 2019, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances.

(9) No new grants are being reported by this amendment. This amendment merely increases the number of derivative securities originally reported in column 5 and 9 of Table II of the Form 4 filed with the SEC on December 18, 2013 to match the number of shares underlying the derivative security originally reported in column 7 of Table II. These changes are needed to allow the Company to utilize its existing Section 16 filing program to report the vesting of the performance units when the different price thresholds are achieved. The Company's existing filing program does not allow for the reporting of vesting of performance units that entitle a grantee to a potential payout under those units greater than 1x.

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