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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement Rocket Fuel Inc. [FUEL] Gerdes Henrik (Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1900 SEAPORT BLVD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) REDWOOD Form filed by More than One Interim CFO CITY, CAÂ 94063 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. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 36,385 (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$ 

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

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Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)

(2)

05/18/2026 Common Stock

20,000

\$ 2.57

D Â

**Reporting Owners** 

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gerdes Henrik

1900 SEAPORT BLVD REDWOOD CITY, CAÂ 94063 Â

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Interim CFO Â

**Signatures** 

/s/ Ken Scully, as attorney-in-fact for Henrik Gerdes

11/01/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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26,000 of these shares represent restricted stock units ("RSUs"), which will be settled in common stock upon vesting and vest as follows: (i) for 10,000 of the shares represented by RSUs, one-fourth of such shares vest on September 25, 2015 and one-eighth of such shares

- vest every six months thereafter, (ii) for another 6,000 of the shares represented by RSUs, one-fourth of such shares vest on April 1, 2016 and one-eighth of such shares vest every six months thereafter and (iii) for the final 10,000 shares represented by RSUs, one-fourth of such shares vest on November 10, 2016 and one-eighth of such shares vest every six months thereafter. Additionally, 6,385 shares were acquired under the Rocket Fuel Inc 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 4,000 shares were acquired in an open market purchase.
- (2) 50% of the shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on May 18, 2017 and 50% of the shares vest and become exercisable on May 18, 2018.

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