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143,895 (4)

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 Shares of Common
 19,530 \$ 84.03

 Stock owned by myself &

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.94	02/19/2019		M	27,000 (2)	02/14/2019(2)	03/11/2022	Common Stock	67,50

Reporting Owners

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Ussery Robert Michael							
100 VINE STREET			President & COO				

Signatures

/s/ R. Michael

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**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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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) The reporting person no longer has a reportable beneficial interest in 48 shares of common stock owned by his son and included in the reporting person's prior ownership reports.
- These stock options were granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive plan on March 14, 2017. On February 14, 2019, the Compensation Committee amended the option to grant a 30 day window to exercise up to 40% of this option, with any shares issued upon exercise to be held as restricted stock until 2/9/22, the original date exercisable. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- (3) Shares were withheld by the Company to pay a portion of the exercise price.
- (4) Total amount of common shares owned following transactions reported on this form.

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