

GSE SYSTEMS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Sorrells Christopher D.

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O GSE SYSTEMS, INC, 1332
LONDONTOWN BLVD
(Street)

SYKESVILLE, MD 21784

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GSE SYSTEMS INC [GVP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Operating Officer

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)
			Code	V	Amount (D) or Price (A)		
Common Stock	08/15/2016		A		65,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 (2)
					145,369	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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount and Number of Shares
Performance Rights	(3)	08/15/2016		A	75,000	(3) 08/15/2021	Common Stock	75,000
Performance Rights	(4)	08/15/2016		A	335,000	(4) 08/15/2021	Common Stock	335,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sorrells Christopher D. C/O GSE SYSTEMS, INC 1332 LONDONTOWN BLVD SYKESVILLE, MD 21784	X		Chief Operating Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Christopher D Sorrells
08/17/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) These shares of common stock represent restricted share units granted pursuant to a Restricted Share Unit Agreement between Mr. Sorrells and the Issuer and are subject to forfeiture. The restricted share units awarded vest in installments of 8,125 shares on each of the following dates: September 30, 2016; December 31, 2016; March 31, 2017; June 30, 2017; September 30, 2017; December 31, 2017; March 31, 2018; and June 30, 2018.

(2) These restricted share units were granted to Mr. Sorrells for his services as the Chief Operating Officer of the Issuer.

(3) Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive a cash payment in an amount equal to the fair market value of one share of Issuer Common Stock. The 75,000 performance rights will vest in their entirety if the Volume Weighted Average Price of the Issuer's Common Stock as quoted on the NYSE MKT exceeds \$6.00 for a 30 consecutive trading day period.

(4) Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer Common Stock. The performance rights vest as follows: 125,000 performance rights will vest in their entirety if the Volume Weighted Average Price of the Issuer's Common Stock as quoted on the NYSE MKT exceeds \$3.25 for a 30 consecutive trading day period, 125,000 performance rights will vest in their entirety if the Volume Weighted Average Price of the Issuer's Common Stock as quoted on the NYSE MKT exceeds \$4.25 for a 30 consecutive trading day period, and 85,000 performance rights will vest in their entirety if the Volume Weighted Average Price of the Issuer's Common Stock as quoted on the NYSE MKT exceeds \$6.00 for a 30 consecutive trading day period.

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