

DARLING INGREDIENTS INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 STUEWE RANDALL C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DARLING INGREDIENTS INC.
 [DAR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD.,
 SUITE 300
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/09/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman and CEO

IRVING, TX 75038

(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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.29	05/09/2017 ⁽¹⁾	A		304,147		⁽²⁾	02/06/2027	Common stock	304,147

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STUEWE RANDALL C 251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD., SUITE 300 IRVING, TX 75038	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

Randall C. Stuewe
 05/11/2017
 **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).
- The option grant was approved by the compensation committee of Darling Ingredients Inc.'s board of directors on February 6, 2017,
- (1) subject to shareholder approval of the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan under which the option was granted. Darling's shareholders approved the plan on May 9, 2017.
 - (2) Options granted pursuant to the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan to purchase 101,382 shares become exercisable on each of 2/6/18 and 2/6/19 and 101,383 shares become exercisable on 2/6/20.

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