

Watt Darren Jeffrey
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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 *
Watt Darren Jeffrey

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC [RBA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O RITCHIE BROS.
AUCTIONEERS INC., 9500
GLENLYON PARKWAY
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2017

BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6
(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 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)

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. P Der Der Sec (Ins | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Performance Share Units (2016 PSUs) | (1) | 12/14/2017(2) | | A | | 770 | | (3) | (3) | Common Shares | 770 |
| Dividend Equivalent Rights (2016 PSUs) | (4) | 12/14/2017(4) | | A | | 23 | | (4) | (4) | Common Shares | 23 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Watt Darren Jeffrey C/O RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INC. 9500 GLENLYON PARKWAY BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6 | | | Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secretary | |

Signatures

Maria Teresa Punsalan as attorney-in-fact for Darren Jeffrey Watt 12/18/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) Each PSU represents a contingent right to receive one RBA common share or the economic equivalent thereof.

(2) The RBA Compensation Committee determined that the PSUs, previously granted to the reporting person, are eligible for vesting because certain performance criteria were satisfied.

(3) The PSUs vest on 3/01/2019. The common shares underlying vested PSUs or the cash value thereof (as determined by the Committee in accordance with the RBA Senior Executive Performance Share Unit Plan) will be paid to the reporting person, net of tax, as soon as practicable following the end of the month in which the PSUs vest.

(4) Each dividend equivalent right represents a contingent right to receive one RBA common share or the economic equivalent thereof. DERs accrued in respect of the 2016 PSUs vest and become exercisable concurrently with the PSUs to which they relate.

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