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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SLAWSON JOHN W | | | | | SPA | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SPARTAN MOTORS INC [SPAR] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | eck all ap Dire | nip of Reporti | 1 | 0% C |)wner |
|--|--|----------|---|--|---------|---|--|------|--|--------|--|--|-------------------|---------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) |) (First) (Middle) | | | | | 03/30/2016 | | | | | | | | | X | Officer (give title below) | | Other (specify below) | |
| C/O SPARTAN MOTORS INC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Pre | es., Spartan | Emer. Re | spon | se |
| 1541 REYNOLDS ROAD | | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Appline) | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | , | m filed by One | e Reportino | g Pers | son |
| CHARLO | OTTE M | I 4 | 8813 | | | | | | | | | | | | | m filed by Mor son | re than On | e Rep | oorting |
| (City) | (S | tate) (Z | Z ip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. and 5) | | | | | Secu Bene Own | mount of rities eficially ed owing | 6. Owners Form: Dir (D) or Indirect (Instr. 4) | ect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | A) or D) | Price | Repo Tran | orted saction(s) r. 3 and 4) | (111541: 4) | | (111541. 4) | |
| Common Stock 03/30/20 | | | | | | 2016 | | A | | 90,692 | | A | \$ <mark>0</mark> | | 97,692 | D | | | |
| | 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. Conversior or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | ansaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4) Amount or Numbor of Title Shares | | str. | 3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative 9. Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Owner Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins 4) | (D) irect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Kim Baber, as Attorney-in-Fact for John W. Slawson 04/04/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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