

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Simmons James Leo</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS,Â 15710 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD, SUITE 300</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77032</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/16/2014</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc. [KRA]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP,General Counsel & Secretary</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,663 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	1,188	D	Â
Common Stock	4,195 ⁽²⁾	D	Â
Common Stock	5,004 ⁽³⁾	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	01/28/2020	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 13.9	D	Â
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	03/07/2021	Common Stock	3,392	\$ 37.11	D	Â
Employee Options (Right to Buy)	Â (6)	03/05/2022	Common Stock	3,558	\$ 28.42	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Simmons James Leo C/O KRATON PERFORMANCE POLYMERS 15710 JOHN F. KENNEDY BLVD, SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77032	Â	Â	Â VP, General Counsel & Secretary	Â

Signatures

/s/ James L.
Simmons

12/17/2014

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 restricted stock award shall vest in full on the third anniversary of the date of grant, or March 5, 2015.
 - (2) The restricted stock award shall vest in full on the third anniversary of the date of grant, or March 4, 2016.
 - (3) The restricted stock award shall vest in full on the third anniversary of the date of grant, or March 3, 2017.
 - (4) 3,000 of the options reported above have vested and are immediately exercisable. The remaining options vest January 28, 2015, subject to the reporting person being employed by the company or its affiliates on the vesting date.
 - (5) All of the options reported above have vested and are immediately exercisable.
 - (6) 2,372 of the options reported above have vested and are immediately exercisable. The remaining options vest March 5, 2015, subject to the reporting person being employed by the company or its affiliates on the vesting date.

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