

BLACKHAWK NETWORK HOLDINGS, 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 \*  
 TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BLACKHAWK NETWORK HOLDINGS, INC [HAWK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/22/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, Head of Int'l.

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (A) or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 8,763 A \$ 24,000   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 4,572 (2) D \$ 33.9 19,428  | 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)

| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 38.85   | 02/22/2016                           |  | A                              | 97,500  | (3) 02/22/2023   | Common Stock  | 97,500                     |
| Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)                | (1)  | 02/22/2016                           |  | A                              | 30,850  | (4) (4)  | Common Stock  | 30,850                     |
| Performance Shares (PSU)                   | (5)  | 02/22/2016                           |  | A                              | 37,875  | (5) (5)  | Common Stock  | 37,875                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| TAUSCHER WILLIAM Y<br>6220 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD<br>PLEASANTON, CA 94588 | X             |           | Chairman, Head of Int'l. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Yang Liu,  
Attorney-In-Fact

03/16/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Common Stock.  
(2) Shares tendered in payment of the tax withholding obligation.

The shares vest pursuant to the following schedule: Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of the shares subject to the option vest on each of the  
(3) first, second, third, and fourth anniversary of February 22, 2016, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Company on each such vesting date.

The restricted stock units vest pursuant to the following schedule: Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of the shares subject to the restricted stock  
(4) units vest on each of the first, second, third, and fourth anniversary of February 22, 2016, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Company on each such vesting date.

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- Represents the number of performance share units earned pursuant to the 2015 Performance Share Award Agreement when the Compensation Committee certified that the performance goals for the Reporting Person were achieved at a meeting held by the Compensation Committee. The earned performance share units will vest on January 4, 2018. Each earned performance share was acquired without cash payment and represents the contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock.
- (5)

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