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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Taylor Matthew Freeman			2. Date of Event RequiringStatement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Woodward, Inc. [WWD]					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/02/2018	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
1081 WOOD	(Street)	VAY		(Check all applicable) Director10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) President, Airframe Systems			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting		
FORT COLL	LINS, CO	DÂ 80615					Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Securi (Instr. 4)	ity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ture of Indirect Beneficial ership : 5)		
Woodward, Inc. Common Stock			4,297		D	Â			
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
Security	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Phantom Stock	(2)	(2)	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	4,396	\$ <u>(2)</u>	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	11/24/2009 <u>(3)</u>	11/24/2018	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	4,000	\$ 18.67	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/01/2010 <u>(3)</u>	10/01/2019	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	8,000	\$ 23.18	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/01/2011 <u>(3)</u>	10/01/2020	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	7,000	\$ 32.04	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/03/2012 <u>(3)</u>	10/03/2021	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	10,500	\$ 25.57	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/01/2013 <u>(3)</u>	10/01/2022	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	9,100	\$ 33.64	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/14/2014(3)	01/14/2023	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	10,000	\$ 38.88	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/01/2014 <u>(3)</u>	10/01/2023	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	10,200	\$ 40.99	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/01/2015 <u>(4)</u>	10/01/2024	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	17,900	\$ 46.55	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/01/2016 <u>(5)</u>	10/01/2025	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	14,600	\$ 40.26	D	Â
	10/03/2017(6)	10/03/2026		10,800	\$ 62.57	D	Â

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)			Woodward, Inc. Common Stock					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/02/2018 <u>(7)</u>	10/02/2027	Woodward, Inc. Common Stock	9,600	\$ 78.97	D	Â	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Taylor Matthew Freeman 1081 WOODWARD WAY FORT COLLINS, CO 80615	Â	Â	President, Airframe Systems	Â			
Signatures							
Rebecca L. Dees, by Power of Attorney		02/09/2018					

**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 information in this report regarding the number of shares held by the reporting person in the Woodward Retirement Savings Plan is based on a calculation as of February 2, 2018.

The Reporting Person participates in the Woodward Executive Benefit Plan (the "Plan"). Phantom stock units are accrued under the Plan and are to be settled in 100% common stock on a one-for-one basis at the distribution date specified at the time of election, or if earlier,

- (2) and all to be setted in 100 *n* common store on a one-for-one basis at the distribution date specified at the time of election, of it earlier, upon separation from the Issuer. The total shown represents the dollar amount of deferrals, divided by the then current share price and, therefore, the number of shares reported may fluctuate from period to period.
- (3) Options are fully vested.
- (4) Options become exercisable as to 25% of the shares on October 1, 2015 and each one-year anniversary thereafter.
- (5) Options become exercisable as to 25% of the shares on October 1, 2016 and each one-year anniversary thereafter.
- (6) Options become exercisable as to 25% of the shares on October 3, 2017 and each one-year anniversary thereafter.
- (7) Options become exercisable as to 25% of the shares on October 2, 2018 and each one-year anniversary thereafter.

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