

Downing Steven R
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FORM 4

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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 *
Downing Steven R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
14814 CREEK EDGE DRIVE
(Street)

HOLLAND, MI 49424

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GENTEX CORP [GNTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X 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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or Price (D) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A | | 37,000 (1) | A | \$ 0 (2) | 84,651 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | A | | 31,000 (3) | A | \$ 0 (2) | 115,651 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 22.94 | 02/15/2018 | | A | 101,000 | 02/15/2019 ⁽⁵⁾ 02/15/2028 | Common Stock 101 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Downing Steven R 14814 CREEK EDGE DRIVE HOLLAND, MI 49424 | | | President and CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Robert L. Hughes for Steven R Downing by Power of Attorney
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 02/20/2018
 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) These shares vest 100% five years from grant award date.
- (2) Shares granted under the Gentex Corporation Restricted Stock Plan, which is a Rule 16B-3 Plan.
- (3) These shares vest 100% four years from grant award date.
- (4) Options granted under the Gentex Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan, which is a Rule 16B-3 Plan.
- (5) These shares become exercisable as to 25% one year after date of grant and an additional 25% at each ensuing anniversary date.

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