Downing Steven R Form 4 February 20, 2018

### FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Addr Downing Steve	*	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol GENTEX CORP [GNTX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
		0.51.11.)		(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
14814 CREEK EDGE DRIVE (Street)			(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (spec below)  President and CFO		
			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
HOLLAND, M	II 49424		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State) (A	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		4. Securition(A) or Dis		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Num Shar
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

02/20/2018

\*\*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) 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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