

TORO CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BROWN WILLIAM E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8111 LYNDALE AVENUE SOUTH

(Street)

BLOOMINGTON, MN 55420-1196

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TORO CO [TTC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2016

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)

Group VP, Res & Cont

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2016 | | A | | 7,829 (1) | A | \$ 0 | 194,766.352 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2016 | | F | | 3,774 | D | \$ 57.79 | 190,992.352 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 68.695 (3) | I | The Toro Company Investment, Savings & ESOP |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 56.54 | 12/09/2016 | | A | 25,400 | ⁽⁴⁾ 12/09/2026 | Common Stock 25,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROWN WILLIAM E JR 8111 LYNDAL AVE SOUTH BLOOMINGTON, MN 55420-1196 | | | Group VP, Res & Cont | |

Signatures

/s/ Nancy A. McGrath,
Attorney-In-Fact
12/12/2016

**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).

Represents the payout of a Performance Share Award for the Fiscal 2014 to Fiscal 2016 Performance Period under The Toro Company Amended and Restated 2010 Equity and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the "Amended and Restated 2010 Plan"), as approved (1) by the issuer's Compensation & Human Resources Committee of its Board of Directors on December 6, 2016, and which was conditioned upon and subject to confirmation by the issuer's Fiscal 2016 financial results that were released on December 8, 2016. Performance Share Awards are paid in shares of common stock under the Amended and Restated 2010 Plan.

(2) On September 16, 2016, the common stock of the issuer split two-for-one (the "Stock Split"), resulting in the reporting person's ownership of 93,468.676 additional shares of common stock. All future Form 4 and 5 filings made by the reporting person will include adjustments, as necessary, to reflect the Stock Split.

(3) Includes 34.24 additional shares of common stock as a result of the Stock Split and 0.215 post-split net shares acquired by the reporting person under the dividend reinvestment feature of The Toro Company Investment, Savings & ESOP since the date of his last report, less quarterly non-discretionary administrative fees.

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(4) The option vests in three equal annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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