

Flanders Cynthia
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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 *
 Flanders Cynthia

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARGAN INC [AGX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 10006 WILDWOOD RD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/27/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

KENSINGTON, MD 20895

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2017 | | M | V | 3,000 (1) | A | \$ 26.88 | 15,000 | 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)

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| 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Option to purchase Common Stock | \$ 26.88 | 12/27/2017 | | M | 3,000 <u>(1)</u> | 12/17/2014 12/17/2023 | Common Stock 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Flanders Cynthia 10006 WILDWOOD RD KENSINGTON, MD 20895 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Cynthia Flanders
 12/28/2017
 **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) On December 27, 2017, the Reporting Person exercised her stock option to purchase 3,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock at a price of \$26.88 per share.
 As of the date of this filing, the total number of options owned by the Reporting Person includes (a) options to acquire 7,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$26.88 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/17/2014 and Expiration Date of 12/17/2023; (b) options to acquire 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$31.82 with Date Exercisable of 12/11/2015 and Expiration Date of 12/11/2024; (c) options to acquire 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$30.44 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/7/2017 and Expiration Date of 1/7/2026; and (d) options to acquire 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$71.75 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/5/2018 and Expiration Date of 1/5/2027.

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