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SECURITIES

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dietz Edward Ralph Jr.

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP [MRLN]

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2018

3.

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) General Counsel

C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP., 300 FELLOWSHIP ROAD

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

4. Securities

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Middle)

MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(1)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 03/20/2018 Stock

Code V Amount Price (D) 1,327 \$0 Α

28,784 (2)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 25.75	03/31/2017		A	5,716	03/31/2020(3)	03/31/2024	Common Stock	5,716
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 28.25	03/20/2018		A	5,201	03/20/2021(3)	03/20/2025	Common Stock	5,201

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dietz Edward Ralph Jr. C/O MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. 300 FELLOWSHIP ROAD MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054

General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Edward R. 03/22/2018 Dietz, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting Date

Person

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) Represents grants of restricted stock units as part of long term incentive plan. This grant consists of 1,327 restricted stock units where the restrictions will lapse over the three year period following the grant date on a pro-rata basis (one-third per year).
- (2) Includes 4,632 shares of restricted stock where, as of the date of this filing, the restrictions have not yet lapsed and 2,783 restricted stock units.
- (3) Date listed is the date of full vesting. Vests one-third per year beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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