

Watt Darren Jeffrey
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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 *
 Watt Darren Jeffrey

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 RITCHIE BROS AUCTIONEERS INC [RBA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O RITCHIE BROS.
 AUCTIONEERS INC., 9500
 GLENLYON PARKWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2017

BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Dividend Equivalent Rights (2015 PSUs) | (1) | 12/20/2017 | | A | 16 | (1) (1) | Common Shares | 16 \$ 0 |
| Dividend Equivalent Rights (2016 PSUs) | (2) | 12/20/2017 | | A | 4 | (2) (2) | Common Shares | 4 \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Watt Darren Jeffrey C/O RITCHIE BROS. AUCTIONEERS INC. 9500 GLENLYON PARKWAY BURNABY, A1 V5J 0C6 | | | Gen. Counsel & Corp. Secretary | |

Signatures

Maria Teresa Punsalan attorney-in-fact for Darren Jeffrey Watt
 **Signature of Reporting Person
 12/22/2017
 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) Each dividend equivalent right represents a contingent right to receive one RBA common share or the economic equivalent thereof. The dividend equivalent rights accrued in respect of the 2015 grant of performance share units, and become exercisable proportionately with the performance share units to which they relate.
- (2) Each dividend equivalent right represents a contingent right to receive one RBA common shares or the economic equivalent thereof. DERs accrued in respect of the 2016 PSUs vest and become exercisable concurrently with the PSUs to which they relate.

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