

Performant Financial Corp
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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 *
Haughton Jeffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY
 (Street)

LIVERMORE, CA 94551

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Performant Financial Corp [PFMT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/07/2016

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)
 Executive Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2016 | | M | | 37,500 A \$ 0 | 46,025 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/07/2016 | | F | | 17,180 (1) D \$ 1.74 | 28,845 | 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. 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) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | | | | | | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 90,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | | | | | | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/17/2015 | | M | | 37,500 | | (5) | 06/17/2025 | Common Stock | 37,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Haughton Jeffrey 333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY LIVERMORE, CA 94551 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ Hakan Orvell, Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey R. Haughton
03/09/2016

__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).
- (1) Shares surrendered to pay tax liability due on vesting of Restricted Stock Units.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PFMT's common stock. The units were awarded at no cost to Reporting Person.
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit Award granted on February 23, 2016 vests at a rate of 25% annually on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, provided that the Reporting Person remains in continuous service through each vest date.
- (4) Restricted Stock Unit award was granted on 7/15/2014. The remaining 30,000 units will vest and become exercisable in 10,000 unit increments on each of 7/15/2016, 7/15/2017, and 7/15/2018, provided that the Reporting Person remains in continuous service through

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each vest date.

Restricted Stock Unit award was granted on 3/17/2015. Upon the achievement of certain financial metrics 37,500 units vested and (5) become exercisable on 3/05/2016, 18,750 units will vest and become exercisable on 3/05/2017 and the remaining 18,750 units will vest and become exercisable on 3/05/2018, provided that the Reporting Person remains in continuous service through each vest date.

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