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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Haughton Jeffrey</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY (Street) LIVERMORE CA 94551 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Performant Financial Corp [PFMT]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operating Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/31/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/31/2017		A	60,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock 60,000	\$0.00	60,000 ⁽²⁾	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	10/31/2017		A	40,000	(3)(4)	(3)(4)	Common Stock 40,000	\$0.00	40,000 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 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.
- Restricted Stock Unit Award granted on October 31, 2017 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.
- Restricted Stock Unit Award granted on October 31, 2017. These Restricted Stock Units shall vest over a three or four year period based upon continuing service and the trading price of PFMT's Common Stock during the relevant vesting period. Specifically, and subject to the vesting limitations described in the following sentence, the trading price for PFMT's shares will need to be sustained for 60 consecutive trading days for one of the following vesting thresholds to have been met: (1) \$2.75 stock price for 60 consecutive trading days triggers 33% vesting; (2) \$3.00 stock price for 60 consecutive trading days triggers 67% vesting; and (3) \$3.25 stock price for 60 consecutive trading days triggers 100% vesting (the "Share Price Thresholds"). Upon each of the first, second, third and fourth year anniversaries of the grant date,
- (Continued from Footnote 3) if the Share Price Thresholds have been achieved during the preceding year and assuming the grantee's continued service to PFMT (1) up to a maximum of 33% of the Restricted Stock Units will vest upon the Year 1 anniversary date; (2) up to 67% of the Restricted Stock Units will vest upon the Year 2 anniversary date; and (3) up to 100% of the Restricted Stock Units will vest upon Year 3 or Year 4 anniversary date. Restricted Stock Units that would vest solely on the basis of the share price thresholds but exceed the maximum vesting limitations for Year 1 or Year 2, will not vest until the subsequent anniversary date or dates (e.g., if the \$3.25 trading price threshold is attained within the Year 1, the Restricted Stock Units will vest 33% after Year 1, 67% after Year 2 and 100% after Year 3). Linear interpolation will be applied between milestones for determining vesting on the Year 3 and Year 4 anniversary dates.

Remarks:

/s/ Ian Johnston, Attorney-in-Fact for Jeffrey R. Haughton 11/01/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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