

Hoffner Warren E III
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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 *
 Hoffner Warren E III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC [AIT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE APPLIED PLAZA
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/09/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP-General Mgr, Fluid Power

CLEVELAND, OH 44115
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/09/2018 | | A | | 3,555 (1) \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/09/2018 | | A | | 1,100 (2) \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/09/2018 | | F | | 864 (3) \$ 74.55 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/09/2018 | | F | | 589 (4) \$ 72.2 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 411.42 | I | Retirement Savings Plan |

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Rights | \$ 74.55 | 08/09/2018 | | A | 5,400 | 08/09/2019 ⁽⁵⁾ 08/09/2028 | Common Stock 5,400 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hoffner Warren E III ONE APPLIED PLAZA CLEVELAND, OH 44115 | | | VP-General Mgr, Fluid Power | |

Signatures

Dianne Misenko/POA for Warren E. Hoffner, III 08/13/2018

__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) Performance shares "banked" as a result of 2018 performance. Performance shares vest at end of three-year program and are settled in shares of Applied common stock.
- (2) Restricted stock units that vest three years from the date of grant and are settled in shares of Applied common stock.
- (3) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy tax withholding obligations on vesting of performance shares.
- (4) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy tax withholding obligations on vesting of restricted stock units.

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(5) Stock-only stock appreciation rights which become exercisable in annual increments of 25% commencing one year after the date of grant.

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