

KAR Auction Services, Inc.
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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 *
 Gottwald Donald S.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O: KAR AUCTION SERVICES, INC., 13085 HAMILTON CROSSING BLVD.

(Street)

CARMEL, IN 46032

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 KAR Auction Services, Inc. [KAR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2017

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)
 Chief Operating Officer

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price (A) or (D) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 2,714.6204 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2017 | | M | | \$ 0 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2017 | | F(3) | | \$ 44.8 | 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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10 | | | | | (4) 05/06/2019 | Common Stock 116,2 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (5) | | | | | (6) (6) | Common Stock 1,63 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (5) | 02/23/2017 | | A | 5,344 | (7) (7) | Common Stock 5,34 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 02/23/2017 | | M | 1,782 | (8) (8) | Common Stock 1,78 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gottwald Donald S. C/O: KAR AUCTION SERVICES, INC. 13085 HAMILTON CROSSING BLVD. CARMEL, IN 46032 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

Rebecca C. Polak as Attorney
In Fact 02/27/2017

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) Includes 620,620 shares acquired (including 11,458 shares acquired by dividend reinvestment) pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan on May 31, 2016.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit is convertible into a share of common stock on a 1-for-1 basis. The restricted stock units vested in common stock on February 23, 2017.
- (3) Shares withheld by the Company to satisfy tax withholding requirements.
- (4) All of these options are currently exercisable.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit is convertible into a share of common stock on a 1-for-1 basis.

These restricted stock units remain subject to a time-vesting requirement and are scheduled to vest and settle in common stock as follows:

- (6) one-third of these restricted stock units vested on February 20, 2016, one-third of these restricted stock units vested on February 20, 2017 and the remaining one-third of these restricted stock units vest on February 20, 2018, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.
- The compensation committee certified on February 23, 2017 that the Company achieved the 2016 net income performance goal for the restricted stock unit awards granted in 2016 under the KAR Auction Services, Inc. 2009 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan. These restricted stock units remain subject to a time-vesting requirement and are scheduled to vest and settle in common stock as follows:
- (7) one-third of these restricted stock units vested on February 23, 2017, one-third of these restricted stock units vest on February 22, 2018 and the remaining one-third of these restricted stock units vest on February 22, 2019, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.

These restricted stock units remain subject to a time-vesting requirement and are scheduled to vest and settle in common stock as follows:

- (8) one-third of these restricted stock units vested on February 23, 2017, one-third of these restricted stock units vest on February 22, 2018 and the remaining one-third of these restricted stock units vest on February 22, 2019, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.

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