

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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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 *
GAUT C CHRISTOPHER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC. [FET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2017

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CEO & COB

920 MEMORIAL CITY WAY, SUITE 1000

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77024

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2017 | | M | | 79,872 A \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2017 | | M | | 40,146 A \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2017 | | M | | 13,910 A \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2017 | | A | | 49,751 (1) A \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | I | See Footnote |

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|--------------|---------|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 308,844 | I | (2) See Footnote (3) |
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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Performance Shares | (4) | 02/16/2017 | | M | 39,936 | (4) 12/31/2016 | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | (5) | 02/16/2017 | | M | 20,073 | (5) 12/31/2016 | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | (6) | 02/16/2017 | | M | 13,910 | (6) 12/31/2016 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.1 | 02/20/2017 | | A | 111,732 | (7) 02/20/2027 | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | (8) | 02/20/2017 | | A | 16,583 | (8) 12/31/2017 | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | (9) | 02/20/2017 | | A | 16,584 | (9) 12/31/2018 | Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | (10) | 02/20/2017 | | A | 16,584 | (10) 12/31/2019 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GAUT C CHRISTOPHER 920 MEMORIAL CITY WAY | X | | CEO & COB | |

SUITE 1000
HOUSTON, TX 77024

Signatures

/s/ C. Christopher Gaut by John C. Ivascu as Attorney-in-Fact

02/21/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Represents an award of restricted stock units (the "Units") granted pursuant to the Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. 2016 Stock and Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Each Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. (the "Company") common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), upon the vesting of the Units. The Units vest according to the following schedule: 1/4 vest on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant (2/20/2017). The Units will be forfeited upon a termination of employment prior to vesting, except in limited circumstances. The Units also include dividend equivalent rights that entitle the reporting person to the same dividends that would be payable were the shares of Common Stock underlying the Units actually outstanding at the time such dividends were issued. The credited dividends will be paid concurrently with the issuance of the shares of Common Stock to the reporting person.

(2) These securities are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person. The reporting person is the trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(3) These securities are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(4) These performance shares represent a contingent right to receive Common Stock, based on the Company's relative shareholder return versus that of the Company's peer group. As determined by the Company's Nominating, Governance & Compensation Committee ("NG&C Committee") and given the Company's relative shareholder return versus the relevant peer group over the one-year period commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending on December 31, 2016, each performance share represents the right to receive two shares of Common Stock.

(5) These performance shares represent a contingent right to receive Common Stock, based on the Company's relative shareholder return versus that of the Company's peer group. As determined by the NG&C Committee and given the Company's relative shareholder return versus the relevant peer group over the two-year period commencing on January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2016, each performance share represents the right to receive two shares of Common Stock.

(6) These performance shares represent a contingent right to receive Common Stock, based on the Company's relative shareholder return versus that of the Company's peer group. As determined by the NG&C Committee and given the Company's relative shareholder return versus the relevant peer group over the three-year period commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2016, each performance share represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock.

(7) These options are exercisable in accordance with the following schedule: 1/4 of the options become exercisable on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant (2/20/2017).

(8) These performance shares represent a contingent right to receive Common Stock, based on the Company's relative shareholder return versus that of the Company's peer group. Each performance share will settle for between zero and two shares of Common Stock in the first quarter of 2018, based on achievement of performance measures over a one-year period, following certification by the NG&C Committee of the performance results.

(9) These performance shares represent a contingent right to receive Common Stock, based on the Company's relative shareholder return versus that of the Company's peer group. Each performance share will settle for between zero and two shares of Common Stock in the first quarter of 2019, based on achievement of performance measures over a two-year period, following certification by the NG&C Committee of the performance results.

(10) These performance shares represent a contingent right to receive Common Stock, based on the Company's relative shareholder return versus that of the Company's peer group. Each performance share will settle for between zero and two shares of Common Stock in the first quarter of 2020, based on achievement of performance measures over a three-year period, following certification by the NG&C

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Committee of the performance results.

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