FORD GERALD J

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORD GERALD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle) (Last) (First)

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

12/22/2017

_X__ Director _X__ 10% Owner __ Other (specify Officer (give title

200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE

(Street)

1350

below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	12/22/2017		P	10,000	A	\$ 25.08	34,692	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)
Common Stock							97,866	D (1) (2) (3) (4)	
Common Stock							15,544,674	I	See Footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (6)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title and	d 8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	tionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amount of	f Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underlying	g Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Derivativ	e		Securities	(Instr. 5)
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	Security				Acquired			•	
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					of (D)				
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					4, and 5)				
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting Owner Funite / Futuress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FORD GERALD J 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201	X	X					
Diamond HTH Stock Company, LP 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201		X					
Diamond HTH Stock Co GP, LLC 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201		X					
Turtle Creek Revocable Trust 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201		X					

Signatures

GERALD J. FORD By: /s/ Gerald J. Ford

12/26/2017 Date

DIAMOND HTH STOCK COMPANY, LP By: Diamond HTH Stock Company GP, LLC Its: General Partner By: Turtle Creek Revocable Trust Its: Sole Member By: /s/ Gerald J. Ford

**Signature of Reporting Person

12/26/2017 Title: Trustee

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

DIAMOND HTH STOCK COMPANY GP, LLC By: Turtle Creek Revocable Trust Its: Sole Member By: /s/ Gerald J. Ford Title: Trustee

12/26/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

TURTLE CREEK REVOCABLE TRUST By: /s/ Gerald J. Ford Title: Trustee

12/26/2017

**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).
- This statement is jointly filed by and on behalf of each of Mr. Gerald J. Ford, Diamond HTH Stock Company, LP ("Diamond HTH LP"),

 (1) Diamond HTH Stock Company GP, LLC ("Diamond HTH LLC"), and Turtle Creek Revocable Trust (the "Trust"). Mr. Ford, Diamond A Financial, L.P. ("Diamond A") and the Trust are the direct beneficial owners of the securities covered by this statement.
- Diamond HTH LP is the general partner of, and may be deemed to beneficially own certain securities owned by, Diamond A. Diamond HTH LLC is the general partner of, and may be deemed to beneficially own certain securities owned by, Diamond HTH LP. The Trust is the sole member of, and may be deemed to beneficially own certain securities owned by, Diamond HTH LLC. Mr. Ford is the grantor and trustee of, and may be deemed to beneficially own certain securities owned by, the Trust.
- The reporting persons state that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that such persons are, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise, the beneficial owners of any securities covered by this statement. The reporting persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities covered by this statement, except to the extent of the pecuniary interest of such persons in such securities.
- The reporting persons may be deemed to be a member of a group with respect to Hilltop Holdings Inc. (the "Issuer") or securities of the Issuer for purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act. The reporting persons declare that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such persons are, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Exchange Act or any other purpose, a member of a group with respect to the Issuer or securities of the Issuer.
- (5) Represents shares directly beneficially owned by the Trust, which is a revocable trust of Mr. Ford established for the benefit of the members of his family.
- (6) Represents shares directly beneficially owned by Diamond A.

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