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FORM	<b>A</b> 4 UNITED	STATES						NGE CO	OMMISSION	OMB OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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(Print or Type	Responses)												
Steele Gary Symbo			Symbol	der Flande und Frener er Fraunig					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)					Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)				
(Month/				nth/Day/Year) .0/2017					_X_ Director10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Executive Officer				
SUNNYVA	(Street) ALE, CA 94089		4. If Am Filed(Mc			ate Origina r)	1	-	5. Individual or Join Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Or Form filed by Mo Person	ne Reporting Per	son		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - N	on-l	Derivative	Secur		ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	v Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		saction Date 2A. Deemed			3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	of 6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (s) (Instr. 4)			
Common				Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Stock	01/10/2017			M <u>(1)</u>		20,000	А	\$ 3.06	34,629	D			
Common Stock	01/10/2017			S <u>(1)</u>		13,315 (2)	D	\$ 77.5602 ( <u>3)</u>	21,314	D			
Common Stock	01/10/2017			S <u>(1)</u>		4,785 (2)	D	\$ 78.2768 (4)	16,529	D			
Common Stock	01/10/2017			S <u>(1)</u>		1,900 (2)	D	\$ 79.2334 (5)	14,629	D			

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numl of Sh
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 3.06	01/10/2017		M <u>(1)</u>	20,000	(6)	03/16/2019	Common Stock	20,0

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Steele Gary C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	Х		Chief Executive Officer				
Signatures							
/s/ Gary Steele by Michael Yang, Attorney-in-Fact		01/	12/2017				

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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) The transaction reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 22, 2016.

Date

(2) Represents the aggregate of sales effected on the same day at different prices.

Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$77.00 to \$77.99 per share. Full information(3) regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

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Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$78.00 to \$78.97 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$79.00 to \$79.36 per share. Full information
(5) regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

(6) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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