

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**Venter Johann**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP [AVD]**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**4695 MACARTHUR COURT, STE 1200**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/30/2014**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 See Remarks

**NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction of Derivative | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3)          | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |                 |              |                            |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                              |  |                      | Code            | V   | (A)              | (D)              | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 11.49                                 | 12/30/2014           | A               |   | 5,516            |                  | 12/30/2017 <sup>(1)</sup> | 12/30/2024      | Common Stock | 5,516                      |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 11.49                                 | 12/30/2014           | A               |   | 5,516            |                  | 12/30/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> | 12/30/2024      | Common Stock | 5,516                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |             |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other       |
| Venter Johann<br>4695 MACARTHUR COURT, STE 1200<br>NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 |               |           |         | See Remarks |

## Signatures

JOHANN  
VENTER 01/02/2015

\*\*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) These stock options are exercisable in full on December 30, 2017, provided reporting person is continuously employed by the issuer through that date.  
These stock options are exercisable in full on December 30, 2017, provided i) reporting person is continuously employed by the issuer through that date and ii) the Company meets certain financial metrics over the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, including, the relative growth of its earnings before income tax ("EBIT") compared to the median growth of EBIT of a certain group of industry peers (weighted at 50%), the relative growth of its net sales as compared to the median growth of net sales of that same group (weighted at 30%) and the relative growth of the fair market value of the Company's common stock as compared to the Russell 200 Index (weighted at 20%).
- (2) These stock options are exercisable in full on December 30, 2017, provided i) reporting person is continuously employed by the issuer through that date and ii) the Company meets certain financial metrics over the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, including, the relative growth of its earnings before income tax ("EBIT") compared to the median growth of EBIT of a certain group of industry peers (weighted at 50%), the relative growth of its net sales as compared to the median growth of net sales of that same group (weighted at 30%) and the relative growth of the fair market value of the Company's common stock as compared to the Russell 200 Index (weighted at 20%).

### Remarks:

Vice President - Technology - AMVAC

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