

BALLSCHMIEDE RONALD A
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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 *
BALLSCHMIEDE RONALD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STERLING CONSTRUCTION CO INC [STRL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1800 HUGHES LANDING BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/10/2018 | | F | (A) or (D) V Amount 2,370 (1) | \$ 12.57 | D | 95,015 (2) |

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)

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| 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALLSCHMIEDE RONALD A 1800 HUGHES LANDING BLVD. THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380 | | | EVP & CFO | |

Signatures

Craig B. Allen under a Power of Attorney 02/12/2018

**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 shares were part of a restricted stock award, made pursuant to the Company's Stock Incentive Plan, a portion of which was released on February 10, 2018. The shares were retained by the Company at the election of the Reporting Person pursuant to a procedure approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors to satisfy the Company's tax withholding requirements, based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on the release date as permitted by the Plan.
- (2) Of these shares, 29,665 shares are subject to restrictions on their sale or other transfer and to forfeiture under certain circumstances.

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