

Simone John
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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 *
 Simone John

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2013

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

VAN BUREN, AR 72956
 (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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) Amount or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/18/2013 | | A | 75,000 (1) | \$ 0 75,000 | D | |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.83 | 02/18/2013 | | A | 42,910 | 02/18/2014 ⁽²⁾ 02/18/2023 ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 42,910 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Simone John 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD VAN BUREN, AR 72956 | X | | CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ John Simone, by Clifton R. Beckham, Attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed 02/20/2013

__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).
- On February 15, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors granted the Reporting Person, under the USA Truck, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, Restricted Stock of the Company. The grant of Restricted Stock will vest in annual increments of one-fourth beginning February 18, 2014 and continuing through and including February 18, 2017.
- (1) The stock option shares will vest in annual increments of one-fourth beginning on February 18, 2014 and continuing through and including February 18, 2017. The stock option shares expire on February 18, 2023.

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