Schlitz Lei Zhang Form 4 February 15, 2018

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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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may continue. See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

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Stock

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02/13/2018

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Schlitz Lei Zhang			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) LEM AVE.	(Middle) 3	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting		
(City)	EW, IL 60025 (State)	(Zip)		Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/	rate, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/13/2018		M 1,356 A \$0	2,368 D		

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D

161.85

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number owf Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of Si
Employee Stock Option	\$ 78.59					02/14/2015	02/14/2024	Common Stock	8,8
Employee Stock Option	\$ 91.88					02/12/2017(2)	02/12/2026	Common Stock	13,
Employee Stock Option	\$ 63.25					02/15/2014	02/15/2023	Common Stock	13,
Employee Stock Option	\$ 98.26					02/13/2016(2)	02/13/2025	Common Stock	6,4
Employee Stock Option	\$ 128					02/10/2018(2)	02/10/2027	Common Stock	18,
Restricted Stock Unit (granted 02/13/15) (3)	\$ 0	02/13/2018		M	1,356	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1,3
Performance Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/12/2016)	\$ 0					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	2,9
Performance Share Units (granted 2/10/17) (3)	\$ 0					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	1,9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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Schlitz Lei Zhang 155 HARLEM AVE. GLENVIEW, IL 60025

Executive Vice President

Signatures

Lei Zhang Schlitz, by Janet O. Love, Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact on File

02/15/2018

**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) Shares of common stock allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan--Information reported as of February 13, 2018.
- (2) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit (RSU), performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) and performance share unit (PSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) The RSU award became vested and payable on February 13, 2018.
- (5) Each PRSU and PSU vests 100% three years from date of grant if performance goals are met. In addition, PSU amounts above include accrue dividend equivalent rights payable upon vesting.

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