May John C II Form 4 December 14, 2017

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * May John C II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

below)

(Last)

DEERE & CO [DE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

DEERE & COMPANY, ONE JOHN

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

12/13/2017

below) President, Ag Solutions & CIO

(Check all applicable)

DEERE PLACE

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

MOLINE, IL 61265

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

\$1 Par

Common 12/13/2017 Stock (1)

A 2,823 Α

\$0 $33,722 \frac{(2)}{2}$

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day) | ate | 7. Title and Lunderlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Market Priced Options | \$ 151.95 | 12/13/2017 | | A | 15,379 | <u>(4)</u> | 12/13/2027 | Common Stock | 15,379 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
|--------------------------------|---------------|

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

May John C II DEERE & COMPANY ONE JOHN DEERE PLACE MOLINE, IL 61265

President, Ag Solutions & CIO

Signatures

/s/ Paul Wilczynski, Assistant Secretary, Deere & Company, Under Power of Attorney

**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).
- Grant of unrestricted stock units under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan. Awards include the ability to withhold shares upon conversion to satisfy tax obligations.
- (2) Includes 12,465 restricted stock units under the John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan to be settled solely in shares.
- (3) All options include the ability to withhold shares upon the exercise of the option to satisfy income tax obligations.
- (4) The options become exercisable in three approximately equal installments on December 13, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

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