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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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See Instruction 1(b).

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(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]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below) below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

GLENVIEW, IL 60025

(City)

155 HARLEM AVE.

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially Form: (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Direct (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following or Indirect Reported

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Transaction(s)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 1,947 D Stock

SEE Common Ι **FOOTNOTE** 4,090 Stock (1)

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

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8		5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of
Employee Stock Option	\$ 78.59							02/14/2015	02/14/2024	Common Stock	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
Employee Stock Option	\$ 128							02/10/2018(2)	02/10/2027	Common Stock	18
Performance Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/12/2016)	\$ 0							<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	2
Performance Share Units (granted 2/10/17) (3) (5)	\$ 0							<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1
Employee Stock Option	\$ 163.36	02/15/2018		A		13,693		02/15/2019(2)	02/15/2028	Common Stock	13
Performance Share Units (granted 2/15/18) (3) (5)	\$ 0	02/15/2018		A		1,606		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

02/20/2018

**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 15, 2018.
- (2) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- 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) Each PRSU and PSU vests 100% three years from date of grant if performance goals are met.
- (5) PSUs accrue dividends in shares of common stock, subject to fulfillment of vesting period and performance goals; the PSUs shown include dividend equivalents, if any, accrued to date.

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