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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Lawler Mary Katherine Issuer Symbol ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC (Check all applicable) [ITW] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS 02/15/2018 SVP & Chief HR Officer INC., 155 HARLEM AVENUE (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

GLENVIEW, IL 60025

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of ar Ranaficially Ox

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| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | | cquired d of (D) 5) | 5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Directory Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | M | 4,070 | A | \$0 | 5,932 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | F | 1,214 | D | \$ 163.36 | 4,718 <u>(1)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 216 | I | See Footnote (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)

| 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 on Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4) | e (A) or of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 98.26 | | | | | | 02/13/2016(3) | 02/13/2025 | Common Stock |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/13/15) (4) | \$ 0 | 02/15/2018 | | M | | 4,070 | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 91.88 | | | | | | 02/12/2017(3) | 02/12/2026 | Common Stock |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/12/2016) | \$ 0 | | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 128 | | | | | | 02/10/2018(3) | 02/10/2027 | Common Stock |
| Performance Share Units (granted 2/10/17) (4) (7) | \$ 0 | | | | | | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock |
| Performance Share Units (granted 2/15/18) (4) (7) | \$ 0 | 02/15/2018 | | A | 2,027 | | <u>(6)</u> | <u>(6)</u> | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 163.36 | 02/15/2018 | | A | 17,279 | | 02/15/2019(3) | 02/15/2028 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lawler Mary Katherine
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.
155 HARLEM AVENUE
GLENVIEW, IL 60025

SVP & Chief HR Officer

Signatures

Mary K. Lawler, by Janet O. Love, Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact, POA 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) Includes 54 shares acquired under a dividend reinvestment plan.
- (2) Shares of common stock allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan--Information reported as of February 15, 2018.
- (3) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (4) Each performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) and performance share unit (PSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (5) The PRSU award became vested and payable on February 15, 2018.
- (6) Each PRSU and PSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant if performance goals are met.
- (7) PSUs accrue dividends in shares of common stock, subject to fulfillment of vesting period and performance goals; the PSUs shown include dividend equivalents accrued, if any, to date.

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