

Hugo Johannes P
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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 *
 Hugo Johannes P

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

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2019

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP - Trucking Operations

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) or (D)	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/26/2019		A	(1)	20,664 \$ 0 50,811	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy common stock)	\$ 17.75	02/26/2019		A	13,129	<u>(2)</u>	02/26/2029			Common Stock	13,129

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hugo Johannes P 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD VAN BUREN, AR 72956			SVP - Trucking Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Zachary B. King, attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed 02/28/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Represents an award of restricted stock to the reporting person under the USA Truck, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended. Of the reported restricted stock, (i) 12,145 shares are subject to time-based vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date and (ii) 8,519 shares are subject to performance-based vesting at the conclusion of a three-year performance period ending December 31, 2021. Vesting of the restricted shares is subject to continued employment and certain vesting, forfeiture, termination provisions.

Represents stock option award under the USA Truck, Inc., Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended, that will vest in four annual increments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and is subject to continued employment and certain vesting, forfeiture, and termination provisions.

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