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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>ERICKSON RONALD P</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>500 UNION STREET</u> <u>SUITE 406</u> (Street) <u>SEATTLE WA 98101</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VISUALANT INC [VSUL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">CEO</p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/23/2012</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/23/2012		P		5,000	A	\$0.11	1,702,106	D	
Common Stock								500,000	I	(1)
Common Stock								66,667	I	(2)
Common Stock								1,000,000	I	(3)
Common Stock								2,000,000	I	(4)

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 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$0.15							(5)	05/09/2020	Common Stock	3,000,000	3,000,000	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$0.13							(6)	06/08/2022	Common Stock	1,000,000	4,000,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Held by Dia Armenta
2. Held by eCharge Corp
3. Held by Juliz Limited Partnership- Family LP
4. Held by J3E2A2Z Limited Partnership
5. Option vests quarterly over 2 years commencing 05-10-2010
6. Option vests quarterly over 1 year commencing 06-08-2012. Option grant is subject to an increase in the 2011 Stock Incentive Plan at the 2012 Annual Shareholder Meeting.

/s/ Ronald P. Erickson

08/23/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* 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).

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