FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* ERICKSON RONALD P | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VISUALANT INC [VSUL] | | | | | | | | | tionship of R all applicabl Director | | Person(s) to Issuer | | |
| (Last) | (First) |) (1 | Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2013 | | | | | | | | X | Officer (give title below) | | Other (s below) | | I |
| 500 UNION STREET | | | | L | CEO | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUITE 420 | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | | | | | | X | | d by One F | | - | _ |
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| (City) | (State | e) (2 | Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Т | able I - No | n-Deriva | ative | Securi | ities Ac | quired, | Disp | osed o | of, or E | 3enefi | ially Ow | ned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction I Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an | | | | Beneficial Following | | Form: | Direct (D) rect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | v | Amount | : | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,884 | ,906 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 500,000 | | | I | .(1) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 66,667 | | I | | .(2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,000,000 | | | I | .(3) |
| Common Stock 01 | | | | 01/29/ | /29/2013 | | | | | 1,500 | 1,500,000 A | | \$0.0825 | 3,500,000 | | | I | .(4) |
| Common Stock | | | | 01/29/ | /29/2013 | | | | | 152,000 | | A | \$0.0825 | 152,000 | | | I | .(5) |
| 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. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed Execution Date | | Code (Instr. | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisabl Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Securities Underlying | | lying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported | e Owners s Form: Direct or Indi g (I) (Inst | Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | ode V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration te | Title | l N | mount or umber of hares | | Transactio (Instr. 4) | ion(s) | | |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$0.15 | | | | | | | (6) | 05/ | /09/2020 | Comr | | ,000,000 | | 3,000,000 | | D | |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$0.13 | | | | | | | (7) | 06/ | /08/2022 | Comr | | ,000,000 | | 4,000,0 | 000 | D | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Held by Dia Armenta, the Reporting Person's wife.
- 2. Held by eCharge Corp.
- 3. Held by Juliz Limited Partnership- Family LP.
- 4. Held by J3E2A2Z Limited Partnership.
- $5. \ Held \ by \ Cerillion \ N4, \ an \ entity \ that \ is \ 50\% \ owned \ by \ Dia \ Armenta, \ the \ Reporting \ Person's \ wife.$
- 6. Option vests quarterly over 2 years commencing 05-10-2010.
- 7. 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

01/31/2013

** 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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