

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>ERICKSON RONALD P</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>500 UNION STREET</u> <u>SUITE 810</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) <u>CEO and President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/16/2018</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	01/16/2018		A		100,000	A	\$0.25	120,934	D	
Common Stock								3,334	I	(1)
Common Stock								1,467	I	(2)
Common Stock								20,335	I	(3)
Common Stock								110,001	I	(4)
Common Stock								2,014	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. 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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$22.5							(6)	05/09/2020	Common Stock	13,334		0	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$19.5							(7)	06/05/2022	Common Stock	6,667		0	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- Held by Dia Armenta, the Reporting Person's wife.
- Held by Ronald Erickson, the Reporting Person and Dia Armenta, the Reporting Person's wife.
- Held by Juliz Limited Partnership- Family LP.
- Held by J3E2A2Z Limited Partnership.
- Held by Cerillion N4, an entity that is 50% owned by Dia Armenta, the Reporting Person's wife.
- Option shares fully-vested quarterly over 2 years commencing 05/10/2010.
- Option shares fully-vested quarterly over 1 year commencing 06/05/2012.

/s/ Ronald P. Erickson

01/18/2018

\*\* 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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