FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b).

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person * Morris Michael Joseph				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]								5	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below) CFO, Senior VP and Treasurer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD, BUILDING N				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/05/2018													
(Street) GREENEVILLE, TN 37745				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui							uritie	es Acquir	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution D any (Month/Day		ate, if	(Instr. 8)		(4. Securities Acc (A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		of (D) C	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial		
				(Month/Day		y/ i ear)	Co	ode	V .	Amount	(A) or (D)	l l	(IIISU. 3 and 4)			or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	Stock		02/05/2018				A	A		2,825 (1)	A	\$ 0 1	1,923			D	
			Table II - 1					quired	, Disp	osed of, o	r Ber	neficially	alid OMB co	ontrol nun	nber.		
Derivative	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. 5. Granusaction of Code Decrip (Instr. 8) Se Ac (A Di of (Ir		5. Nur of Deriva Securi Acqui (A) or Dispos of (D)	Number 6. Date Expira rivative curities quired 0 or spoosed (D) str. 3, 4,		ons, convertible sectite Exercisable and ration Date ath/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct (I or Indire	(Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	on	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 58.40	02/05/2018		A		2,825		((2)	02/05/2	025	Commo: Stock	n 2,825.00	\$ 0	2,825	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships								
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Morris Michael Joseph 1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD BUILDING N GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			CFO, Senior VP and Treasurer						

Signatures

/s/ Michael L. Hance, Attorney-in-Fact	02/07/2018
**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) Award of time-vesting restricted stock under the Forward Air Corporation 2016 Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plan in a transaction exempt from Section 16(b)under Rule 16b-3. The stock vests equally in one-third increments over three years commencing 2/5/19 and fully vesting on 2/5/21.
- (2) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/5/19.

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