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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

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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>HODGE MICHAEL B</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1915 SNAPPS FERRY ROAD</u> <u>BUILDING N</u> _____ (Street) <u>GREENEVILLE TN 37745</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>FORWARD AIR CORP [ FWRD ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/14/2024</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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				

**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				
Series B Preferred Units	\$0	03/14/2024		J <sup>(1)</sup>			948,588 <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	948,588	\$0	746,086	I	By LLC <sup>(2)</sup>
Class B Units	\$0	03/14/2024		J <sup>(1)</sup>			948,588 <sup>(1)</sup>	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	948,588	\$0	746,086	I	By LLC <sup>(3)</sup>
Series C-2 Units	\$0	03/14/2024		J <sup>(1)</sup>			1,640,350 <sup>(1)</sup>	(4)	(4)	Class B Units	1,640,350	\$0	1,290,214	I	By LLC <sup>(4)</sup>

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Distribution from Omni Investor Holdings, LLC, of which the reporting person is a co-manager.
- Represents Series B Preferred Units received by EVE Omni Investor, LLC (the 'LLC'). Series B Preferred Units and corresponding Opco Class B Units are exchangeable at the option of the holder into shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Series B Preferred Units do not have an expiration date. The reporting person is a co-manager of the LLC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by the LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Represents Opco Class B Units received by the LLC. Series B Preferred Units and corresponding Opco Class B Units are exchangeable into shares of the Issuer's common stock. The Opco Class B Units do not have an expiration date. The reporting person is a co-manager of the LLC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by the LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Represents Opco Series C-2 Units received by the LLC. The Opco Series C-2 Units will automatically convert into a corresponding number of Opco Class B Units and Series B Preferred Units upon receipt of approval from the Issuer's shareholders. The Opco Series C-2 Units do not have an expiration date. The reporting person is a co-manager of the LLC. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by the LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Michael L. Hance, Attorney-in-Fact 03/29/2024

\*\* 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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