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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)														
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- DRUM CRAIG A				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FORWARD AIR CORP [FWRD]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 430 AIRPORT ROAD				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2016								X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior Vice President, Sales				
(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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
(Instr. 3) Dat		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			f Co (In	Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)			Ownership of Form:	Beneficial	
				(Month/Day/Year)			Code V		Amount	nount (A) or (D) Pric		(Instr. 3 and 4)				Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common	ommon Stock 02/08/201		02/08/2016				A		1,679 (<u>1)</u>	A	\$ 0	12,208			D	
Common	Common Stock 02/09/2016		02/09/2016				F(2)		647	D	\$ 0	11,561			D	
Security	2. 3. Transaction Conversion Date or Exercise (Month/Day/Y Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. 5. Nu Transaction Code Deriv			er 6. Ex	ptions, c	n Date of Und ay/Year) Securi		rities)	and Amount erlying	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersl Form of Derivati Security Direct (I or Indire	Ownership (Instr. 4) D) ect
				Code	V (A		Ex	ate xercisable	Expirat Date	ion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock	\$ 43.67	02/08/2016		A	6,2			(3)	02/08/	2023	Comm Stock	on 6 253 00	\$ 0	6,253	D	
	Owner Nan			Relation	ships											

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director 10% Owner		Officer	Other			
DRUM CRAIG A 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			Senior Vice President, Sales				

Signatures

/s/ Michael P. McLean, Attorney-in-Fact	02/10/2016
**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 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Incentive 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 2/8/17 and fully vesting on 2/8/19.
- (2) Restricted stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligation on vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/8/17.

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