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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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	lame and Address of Reporting Person * Lean Michael P		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) 0 AIRPORT ROAD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2016							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) VP & CAO				
(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											
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Common Stock		02/08/2016			A	A	1,679 (1)	A	\$ 0	16,551.1005	; (2)		D		
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	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
McLean Michael P 430 AIRPORT ROAD GREENEVILLE, TN 37745			VP & CAO				

Signatures

/s/ Michael P McLean	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) Includes 6.2815 shares acquired under the Issuer's employee stock purchase plan in June and December 2015.
- (3) Restricted stock withheld by Issuer to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligation on vesting of restricted stock.
- (4) This option vests 33-1/3% each year over a three year period commencing on 2/8/17.

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