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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Ad Williams R. I | • | ting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| 1014 VINE STREET | | | (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2014 | Director 10% Owner Other (specification) Senior Vice President | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| CINCINNAT | ГІ, ОН 4520 | 2 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2014 | | A | 4,438 | A | \$ 0 | 87,813.8787 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/13/2014 | | F | 1,466 (1) | D | \$ 43.49 | 86,347.8787 (2) | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| | Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber | Expiration Da | ite | Amou | nt of | Derivative | 1 |
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| | | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Williams R. Pete 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ R. Pete Williams, by Bruce M. Gack, Attorney-in-Fact

03/17/2014

**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) Payment of tax liability associated with share award.
- (2) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.

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