

Zimmerman Michael R.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Zimmerman Michael R.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., 155 HARLEM AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

GLENVIEW, IL 60025

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | M | A | 2,798 | \$ 0 | 5,424 D |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2018 | | F | D | 843 | \$ 163.36 | 4,581 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)

| 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 78.59 | | | | | 02/14/2015 | 02/14/2024 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 63.25 | | | | | 02/15/2014 | 02/14/2023 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 98.26 | | | | | 02/13/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/13/2025 | Common Stock |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/13/15) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/15/2018 | | M | 2,798 | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 91.88 | | | | | 02/12/2017 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/12/2026 | Common Stock |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/12/2016) ⁽²⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 128 | | | | | 02/10/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/10/2027 | Common Stock |
| Performance Share Units (granted 2/10/17) ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 163.36 | 02/15/2018 | | A | 13,693 | 02/15/2019 ⁽¹⁾ | 02/15/2028 | Common Stock |
| Performance Share Units (granted 2/15/18) ⁽²⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/15/2018 | | A | 1,606 | ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Zimmerman Michael R. ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. 155 HARLEM AVENUE GLENVIEW, IL 60025 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Michael R. Zimmerman, by Janet O. Love, Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Secretary,
Attorney-In-Fact on File

02/20/2018

__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) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
 - (2) Each performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) and performance share unit (PSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
 - (3) The PRSU award became vested and payable on February 15, 2018.
 - (4) Each PRSU and PSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant if performance goals are met.
 - (5) PSUs accrue dividends in shares of common stock, subject to fulfillment of vesting period and performance goals; the PSUs shown include dividend equivalents, if any, accrued to date.

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