

Hilltop Holdings Inc.
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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 *
FORD GERALD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/17/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2017 | | A | 1,806 (1) \$ 29.76 (2) | 69,672 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2017 | | G | V 1,806 (3) \$ 0 | 67,866 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/17/2017 | | G | V 1,806 (3) \$ 0 | 18,476 (4) | I | By trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | 15,544,674 (5) | I | By Diamond A Financial, LP |

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FORD GERALD J 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1350 DALLAS, TX 75201 | X | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Gerald J. Ford 01/19/2017

**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) Shares acquired pursuant to the Hilltop Holdings Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan as compensation for services rendered as a director in the fourth calendar quarter of 2016.
- (2) Price per share calculated using the average closing price per share for the period from December 16, 2016 to December 30, 2016.
- (3) The reporting person gifted these shares to the Turtle Creek Revocable Trust, a revocable trust for the benefit of the members of his family (the "Trust").
- (4) Represents securities owned directly by the Trust and indirectly by the reporting person as the settlor of the Trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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Represents securities owned directly by Diamond A Financial, LP and indirectly by the reporting person as a general partner of Diamond
(5) A Financial, LP. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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