Hugo Johannes P Form 4 February 28, 2019

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

Check this box STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hugo Johannes P Issuer Symbol USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD 02/26/2019

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

SVP - Trucking Operations

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 20,664 02/26/2019 A A \$0 50,811 D (1) Stock

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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| 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. Transac Code (Instr. 8 | | 5. Number of orDerivative 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy common stock) | \$ 17.75 | 02/26/2019 | | A | | 13,129 | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/26/2029 | Common Stock | 13,129 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hugo Johannes P

3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD SVP - Trucking Operations

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Signatures

/s/ Zachary B. King, attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed 02/28/2019

**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).

Represents an award of restricted stock to the reporting person under the USA Truck, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended. Of the reported restricted stock, (i) 12,145 shares are subject to time-based vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on the first

- (1) anniversary of the grant date and (ii) 8,519 shares are subject to performance-based vesting at the conclusion of a three-year performance period ending December 31, 2021. Vesting of the restricted shares is subject to continued employment and certain vesting, forfeiture, termination provisions.
- Represents stock option award under the USA Truck, Inc., Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended, that will vest in four annual increments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and is subject to continued employment and certain vesting, forfeiture, and termination provisions.

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