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(Print or Type R	esponses)										
Johnston Ian S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Performant Financial Corp [PFMT]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of			of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year)				(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u>X_</u> Officer (give title <u></u> Other (specify below) See Remarks				
LIVERMOR	(Street) RE, CA 94551		4. If Amer Filed(Mon	ndment, Da th/Day/Year	-	1		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0 Form filed by N Person	One Reporting Po	erson	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acc	quired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Execution any		Code (Instr. 8)	on(A) or D (D)	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	03/05/2018			M	5,750			41,319	D		
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	03/05/2018			F	2,351 (1)	D	\$ 2.65	38,968	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onof De Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo (D)	rities nired or osed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. D S(
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Performance Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/05/2018		М		5,750	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,750	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Johnston Ian 333 NORTH CANYONS PARKWAY LIVERMORE, CA 94551			See Remarks				
Signatures							
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/s/ Ian A.	03/07/2018
Johnston	05/07/2018

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) Shares surrendered to pay tax liability due on vesting of Performance Stock Units.
- Each performance stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PFMT's common stock. The units were awarded at no (2)cost to the Reporting Person.
- Performance Stock Unit award was granted on 03/17/15. The performance stock award vested as to 50% of the covered shares on March (3) 5, 2016, as to 25% of the covered shares on March 5, 2017, and as to 25% of the covered shares on March 5, 2018.

Remarks:

Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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