FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Vashington, | D.C. 20549 |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Holland Mason R Jr | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|-----------------|--|--|--------|--|---|--------|--|-----------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|--|---|
| (Last) 100 BENE | (Fi EFITFOCU | , | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 05/01/2020 | | | | | onth/[| Day/Year) | | | X | Officer (give title below) Executive Chairman of the Bd. | | | | |
| (Street) CHARLES (City) | | ate) | 29492 (Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Form fold by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | | Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | 4 and 5) Securitie Beneficia Owned F | | s lly ollowing | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) oi (D) | Pr | ice | Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a | on(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common S | Common Stock | | | 05/01/2020 | |) | | | A | | 12,212 | 1) A | \$ | 0.00 | 72,881 | | | D | |
| Common S | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2,649,099 | | | I | By Holland Family Trust ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | | I | As custodian for minor son |
| | 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/Yea | 3A. Deen Execution if any (Month/D | ned n Date, | 4. Transa | 5. Number 6 ansaction of E | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and A of Securities Underlying Derivative Se (Instr. 3 and 4 | | | | nd Am ties ng e Secu | mount 8. Price Derivativ Security (Instr. 5) | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4) | e s ally | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | ıble | Expiration Date | Title | or | ount nber res | | | | | |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 05/01/2020 | | | A | | 16,283 | | (3) | | 05/01/2021 | Common Stock | 16, | 283 | \$0.00 | 16,283 | | D | |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units | (4) | 05/01/2020 | | | A | | 18,318 | | (4) | | 05/01/2023 | Common Stock | 18, | 318 | \$0.00 | 18,31 | .8 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ Represents \ restricted \ stock \ units \ which \ vest \ in \ three \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ May \ 1, \ 2021, \ subject \ to \ continued \ employment.$
- 2. These shares are held in a living trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person and his spouse. The Reporting Person shares voting and investment control over these shares.
- 3. Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. A percentage of the PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of an annual revenue goal and an adjusted EBITDA goal, during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.
- 4. Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. The PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of software service revenue and adjusted EBITDA goals during the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, such vesting to occur in three equal annual installments beginning on May 1, 2021, if the performance metrics are met. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting will also accelerate as to the next tranche of vesting units in the event of death or disability after the performance period. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

Remarks:

/s/ S. Halle Vakani, Attorneyin-Fact

05/05/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- * 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).

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