

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO

Form 4

February 22, 2017

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wells Robert J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

101 W. PROSPECT AVENUE

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44115

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO [SHW]

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

02/17/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/17/2017                              |   | M                                    | V Amount (A)<br>or (D)<br>\$ 154.4325                                   | 23,158   | D   |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/17/2017                              |   | S                                    | 4,353 D \$ 311.21<br>(1)  | 18,805   | D   |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 02/17/2017                              |   | F                                    | 840 D \$ 311.37   | 17,965 (2)   | D   |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      |   | 1,651.15 (3)   | I   | Stock<br>Plan   |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |  |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|--------------------|-----------------|--|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V   | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$<br>154.4325   | 02/17/2017                              |   | M                                    |   | 1,667  |     | 10/17/2013  | 10/16/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 1,667                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$<br>154.4325   | 02/17/2017                              |   | M                                    |   | 1,666  |     | 10/17/2014  | 10/16/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 1,666                                  |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$<br>154.4325   | 02/17/2017                              |   | M                                    |   | 1,020  |     | 10/17/2015  | 10/16/2022         | Common<br>Stock | 1,020                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| Wells Robert J<br>101 W. PROSPECT AVENUE<br>CLEVELAND, OH 44115 |               |           | SVP-Corp<br>Comm & Public<br>Affairs |       |

## Signatures

Catherine M. Kilbane,  
Attorney-in-fact

02/22/2017

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$311.21 to \$311.23 inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to The Sherwin-Williams Company, any security holder of The Sherwin-Williams Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.
- (1) Of shares listed, 2,736 are restricted stock units.
  - (2) Represents the number of shares of common stock attributable to the reporting person's participation in The Sherwin-Williams Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan per the trustee's 12/31/2016 statement.
  - (3)

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