Elyakim Ofer Form 4 January 31, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Elyakim Ofer

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DSP GROUP INC /DE/ [DSPG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

CEO

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/29/2018

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

161 S. SAN ANTONIO ROAD, SUITE 10

(Street)

(Ctota)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

LOS ALTOS, CA 94022

| (City) | (State) (| Z _{1p)} Table | e I - Non-D | erivative S | Securit | ies Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | | 3. | 4. Securit | | • | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or Dis | sposed | of (D) | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 | 4 and 5 | 5) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2018 | | M | 44,297 | A | \$ 7.49 | 584,213 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2018 | | D | 25,522 (1) | D | \$ 13 | 558,691 (2) | 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. Transacti 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|--------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shar |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 7.49 | 01/29/2018 | | M | | 44,297 | (3) | 01/31/2018 | Common Stock | 29,53 (4) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| . 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Elyakim Ofer 161 S. SAN ANTONIO ROAD, SUITE 10 LOS ALTOS, CA 94022 | X | | СЕО | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Ofer Elyakim 01/31/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- There was no sale of any shares of DSP Group common stock. This represents the difference between the number of SARs exercised (44,297) and the number of shares issued as a result of the exercise (18,775). The number of shares to be issued under a SAR exercise is determined by multiplying the number of SARs being exercised by the difference between the FMV on the date immediately prior to the date the SAR is exercised (\$13.00) and the base price (\$7.49). The SARs were issued from a plan that will expire in January 2018.
- (2) Represents 194,425 shares outstanding, 219,239 vested RSUs, and 145,027 unvested RSUs.
- (3) The Stock Appreciation Right vests 25% after 1 year and 6.25% each quarter thereafter.
 - The Stock Appreciation Right grant is subject to a ceiling such that when the fair market value of the Company's common stock is equal to or great than three times the base appreciation amount of the stock appreciation right, the portion of the stock appreciation rights that is
- (4) vested on such date is automatically exercised on the next trading day and the appreciation amount is paid by the issuance of the respective number of shares of the Company's common stock. Therefore, the number of underlying shares of common stock that may be received upon exercise cannot exceed 2/3 of the number of stock appreciation rights granted.

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