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may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **ALSFINE JOEL**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

INC [ABG]

(Check all applicable)

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

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner __ Other (specify

645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR 05/03/2016

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (Ľ))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/03/2016		S	225,000	, í	\$ 58.12	2,000,596	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock	05/03/2016		P	100	A	\$ 58.12	2,000,696	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock							3,253	D (1) (2)	

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. Transaction 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
Total Return Equity Swap	\$ 58.12	05/03/2016		J/K	225,000	(4)(5)	06/06/2017	Common Stock	225,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ALSFINE JOEL 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR X NEW YORK, NY 10022

Signatures

/s/ Joel Alsfine 05/05/2016

**Signature of 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).
- The reporting person states that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that he is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities covered by this statement, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such securities.
- The reporting person may be deemed to be a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer for purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act. The reporting person declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that he is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer.
- (3) Represents securities owned by MSD SBI, L.P. ("MSD SBI"). MSD Capital, L.P. ("MSD Capital") is the general partner of MSD SBI and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD SBI. MSD Capital Management LLC ("MSD Capital Management") is the general partner of MSD Capital and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital. Each of Glenn R. Fuhrman and Marc R. Lisker is a manager of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. Michael S. Dell is the controlling member of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities

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- On May 3, 2016, simultaneous with the disposition reported in Table I, MSD SBI entered into a cash-settled total return equity swap ("Total Return Swap") with Goldman Sachs International ("Goldman") with a reference price of \$58.12. Under the terms of the Total Return Swap (i) MSD SBI will be obligated to pay to Goldman any negative price performance of the 225,000 shares of common stock
- (4) subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of the Total Return Swap, plus financing, and (ii) Goldman will be obligated to pay to MSD SBI any positive price performance of the 225,000 shares of common stock subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of such Total Return Swap. Any dividends received by Goldman on the 225,000 shares of common stock during the term of the Total Return Swap will be paid to MSD SBI.
- (5) All balances will be cash settled at the expiration date of the Total Return Swap.

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