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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McRoberts Malcolm | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DELUXE CORP [DLX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|--|--------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| 3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH | | ΓNORTH | (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2018 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President, SBS | | |
| | (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 | | |
| SHOREVIEW, MN 55126 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative (| Securi | ties Acqu | ired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) | sposed | of (D) | 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 | 01/29/2018 | | M | 21,900 | A | | 55,702 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2018 | | F | 16,498 | D | \$ 76.45 | 39,204 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/29/2018 | | S | 5,402 | D | \$ 76.45 | 33,802 (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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu or D (D) | uired (A) isposed of er. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 (3) | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | 01/24/2019 | Common Stock | 798 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 38.8 | 01/29/2018 | | M | | 21,900 | 02/20/2014(4) | 02/20/2020 | Common Stock | 21,9 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 50.32 | | | | | | 02/27/2015(4) | 02/27/2021 | Common Stock | 12,3 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 67.08 | | | | | | 02/12/2016(4) | 02/12/2022 | Common Stock | 12,8 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 54.3 | | | | | | 02/17/2017(4) | 02/17/2023 | Common Stock | 26,3 |
| Common Stock Option | \$ 75.61 | | | | | | 02/23/2018(4) | 02/23/2024 | Common Stock | 14,0 |

Reporting Owners

SHOREVIEW, MN 55126

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| McRoberts Malcolm | | | | | | | |
| 3680 VICTORIA STREET NORTH | | | Senior Vice President, SBS | | | | |

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Signatures

J. Michael Schroeder as Power of Attorney for Malcolm McRoberts

01/30/2018

**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).
 - Shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$76.41 to \$76.71. The price reported is the weighted average sale price.
- (1) The reporting person will provide to the issuer, a security holder of the issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the selling range.
- (2) Total ownership includes 10,302 shares of restricted stock.
 - Restricted Stock Units were awarded on 1/24/17 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be converted into common stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the
- (3) Company through such date. Award results from an advance election by executive to receive a portion of their 2016 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.
- Options vest in three equal installments on the three succeeding anniversary dates of the date of grant, provided the holder remains an employee of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).

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