

MITCHELL W G CHAMPION

Form 4

January 16, 2018

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 *
MITCHELL W G CHAMPION

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3009 RIVER LANE

(Street)

NEW BERN, NC 28562

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ARGAN INC [AGX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/11/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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				(A) or (D) Price	7,500	I	Through MMAB, LLC

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)

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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 Derivative 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
Stock Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 46.35	01/11/2018		A		10,000 <u>(1)</u>		01/11/2019	01/11/2028	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MITCHELL W G CHAMPION 3009 RIVER LANE NEW BERN, NC 28562	X			

Signatures

/s/ W.G. Champion
Mitchell

01/16/2018

__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).
- (1) On January 11, 2018 (the "Grant Date"), the Reporting Person received 10-year options, vesting ratably over three years on each anniversary date from the Grant Date, to purchase 10,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock with an exercise price of \$46.35 per share.
- As of the date of this filing, the Reporting Person owns options to purchase (i) 5,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$12.43 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/17/2010 and Expiration Date of 12/17/2019; (ii) 5,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$17.33 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/20/2012 and Expiration Date of 12/20/2021; (iii) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$18.87 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/18/2013 and Expiration Date of 12/18/2022; (iv) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$26.88 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/17/2014 and Expiration Date of 12/17/2023; (v) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$31.82 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/11/2015 and Expiration Date of 12/11/2024;
- (2) (vi) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$30.44 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/7/2017 and Expiration Date of 1/7/2026; (vii) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$71.75 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/5/2018 and Expiration Date of 1/5/2027; and (viii) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$46.35 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/11/2019 and Expiration Date of 1/11/2028.

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