FORM 4

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Instruction 1(b).

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STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Gavin Michael E						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [LKFN]										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 85 S HU	(F NTERS RI	irst)	(Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2016										Officer (give title below) EVP & CCO Other (specify below)				
(Street) WARSA	WARSAW IN 46582			4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(9)			ble I - Noi	n-Deri	vativ	re Se	curi	ties A	can	ired.	Disi	oosed o	f. or B	ene	ficially	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Trans	2. Transaction		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		te,	3. 4. Securit Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.		ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Form (D) o	: Direct II r Indirect E str. 4)	. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership					
								Ì	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Pri		Price		eported ransaction(s) nstr. 3 and 4)		1	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock							01/2		M		4,440	A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	4,440		D				
Common Stock			01/2	29/2016					F		1,409	409 D		\$43.79	3,031		D				
Common Stock																8,2	8,258			l01(k) Plan	
			Table II -						•	,		sed of, onvertik			•	Owned				·	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date	Date,		ansaction ode (Instr.		of Ex		. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		le and	7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		ecurity	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e s illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exer	: rcisable	Exp Dat	oiration e	Title	OI N	umber						
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾	01/29/2016			М			4,440	02/0	01/2016	02/	01/2016 ⁽³⁾	Commo Stock	n 4	,440(4)	\$0	0		D		
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾								02/0	01/2017	02/	01/2017 ⁽³⁾	Commo Stock	n ,	4,000		4,000)	D		
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾								02/0	01/2018	02/	01/2018 ⁽³⁾	Commo Stock	n ,	4,000		4,000)	D		
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	\$0 ⁽²⁾								02/0	01/2019	02/	01/2019 ⁽³⁾	Commo Stock	n 4	4,000		4,000)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- 2. Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- 3. Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.
- 4. Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

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02/01/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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