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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  De Staffang Desirid |  |  |  |                 |   |   |        |  |        |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |   |   |                        |  |  |       |
|--|--|--|--|-----------------|---|---|--------|--|--------|--|---|---|---|------------------------|--|--|-------|
| <u>DeStefano David</u>                                     |  |  |  |                 | Vertex, mer ( vertex )                                      |   |        |  |        |  |   |   | X Director  |                        | 10% Owi  | ner  |       |
| (Last)   | (F   | First)                                     | (Middle)   |                 |   |   |        |  |        |  |   | _   | X Officer (below)   | (give title            |  | Other (sp<br>below)  | ecify |
| C/O VERTEX, INC.   |  |  |  |                 | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2021 |   |        |  |        |  |   | PRESIDENT & CEO                                     |   |                        |  |  |       |
| 2301 RENAISSANCE BLVD                                      |  |  |  |                 |   |   |        |  |        |  |   |   |   |                        |  |  |       |
| (Street)   | F.   |  |  |                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |   |        |  |        |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)             |   |   |                        |  |  |       |
| PRUSSI.  | D  | A  | 19406  |                 |   |   |        |  |        |  |   |   | _   | ,                      |  | ting Person  |       |
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| (City)   | (5   | State)                                     | (Zip)  |                 |   |   |        |  |        |  |   |   |   |                        |  |  |       |
|  |  | T  | able I - Non   | -Deriva         | tive S  | Securiti  | es Acq | uired,   | Dis    | posed of                                     | , or Ber  | eficially   | / Owned   |                        |  |  |       |
| Date   |  |  | 2. Transac<br>Date<br>(Month/Da                            | Execution Date, |   | ecution Date,<br>iny  |        | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                        |        | es Acquired (A) or<br>Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an |   | Beneficial<br>Owned Fo                              | ly  | Form:                  | Direct Ir<br>Indirect B<br>tr. 4)  | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                |       |
|  |  |  |  |                 |   | Code  | v      | Amount (A) or (D)  |        | Price  | Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 3 ar                                 | tion(s)   |   | (1                     | nstr. 4)   |  |       |
| Class A Common Stock 03/10                                 |  |  |  | 03/10/2         | )/2021  |   | М      |  | 55,000 | A  | \$0.15  | 3 560,580(1)  |   |                        | D  |  |       |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |                 |   |   |        |  |        |  |   |   |   |                        |  |  |       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year | Code (Instr.    |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |        | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |        | of Securi<br>Underlyir                       | ig<br>e Security  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numb<br>derivativ<br>Securitie<br>Benefici<br>Owned<br>Followin<br>Reporte | ve<br>es<br>ally       | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |       |
|  |  |  |  | Code            | v   | (A)   | (D)    | Date<br>Exercisa   | able   | Expiration<br>Date                           | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Share                  | s   | Transaci<br>(Instr. 4) | tion(s)  |  |       |
| Stock<br>Option  | \$0.153  | 03/10/2021                                 |  | М               |   | 55,000  |        | (2) (2   |        | (2)  | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock  | 55,000  | \$0   | 350,893                |  | D  |       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

Option

Stock

Restricted

\$32.16

(4)

1. Includes 53 shares of restricted stock that were inadvertently omitted from filer's Form 3. The amount reported in column 5 reflects the number of shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned as of the date

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2. Fully vested and exercisable and has no expiration date.

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- 3. This option will vest and become exercisable with respect to 25% of the shares on each of March 1, 2022, March 1, 2023, March 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025.
- $4. \ Each \ restricted \ stock \ unit \ represents \ a \ contingent \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ share \ of \ the \ Issuer's \ Class \ A \ Common \ Stock.$
- 5. Represents an award of restricted stock units that will vest as to 50% of the shares on March 1, 2023, and 25% of the shares on each of March 1, 2024 and March 1, 2025.

132,799

114,272

/s/ Lisa Coleman, Attorney-in-

11/12/2021

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**Fact** 

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Stock

Class A

Stock

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
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