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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Venturella David J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 621 NW 53RD STREET SUITE 700 (Street) BOCA RATON FL 33487 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GEO GROUP INC [GEO]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP-Business Development</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/01/2017</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Restricted Stock | 03/01/2017 | | A | | 10,000 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0.00 | 30,625 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2017 | | D | | 1,061 ⁽³⁾ | D | \$0.00 | 11,229 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/03/2017 | | F | | 2,197 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | \$48.4 | 9,032 | D | |

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) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Vesting of this grant of restricted stock of GEO is contingent upon the achievement by GEO of certain performance-based metrics during the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 as certified by the compensation committee. Under the terms of the restricted stock grant, these shares will vest on March 10, 2020 to the extent the performance goals are achieved. Of the grant of restricted stock, 50% is subject to vesting based on GEO's total shareholder return over a three-year period and 50% is subject to vesting based on certain return on capital employed performance goals being met.
- The amount of shares has been adjusted to reflect the March 1, 2017 vesting of 6,439 shares of restricted stock and the forfeiture of 1,061 shares of restricted stock based on the results of the performance-based metrics of the restricted stock during the period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016.
- The amount of shares reflects the forfeiture of 1,061 shares of restricted stock based on the results of the performance based metrics of the restricted stock during the period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016.
- These shares were surrendered in order to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock.

Remarks:

/s/John J. Bulfin, as Attorney-in-Fact for David J. Venturella 03/06/2017

** 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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