FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type | Responses | s) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DYKSTRA DAVID E | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MGP INGREDIENTS INC [MGPI] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MGP INGREDIENTS, INC., 100 COMMERCIAL STREET | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2017 | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President | | | | | |
| (Street) ATCHISON, KS 66002 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | 11, KS 00 | (State) | (Zip) | Ta | ıble I - No | on-Deri | ivative S | Securities / | Acqui | ired. Disp | osed of, or l | Beneficially (| Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | ired | 1 | | es ollowing (s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | Code | V | Amour | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Common S | Stock | | 02/15/2017 | 02/15/2017 | A | | 2,716 (1) | A S | \$ 0 | 41,208 | | | D | |
| | | | | Derivative Securiti e.g., puts, calls, wa | | - red, Dis | sposed (| of, or Bene | ficial | | | trol numbe | | |
| Security (Instr. 3) Pr | 3. Transaction Date Exercise ice of erivative eccurity | | 3A. Deemed Execution Da any | 4. te, if Transaction Code Year) (Instr. 8) | 5. 6. Da and I | | ate Exercisable Expiration Date nth/Day/Year) | | 7. Ti Amo Und Secu | itle and ount of lerlying urities tr. 3 and | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct (or Indire | Benefici Ownersh (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Report | ing O | wners | | Relationships | | | 1 | | | | | | | |

| | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| DYKSTRA DAVID E C/O MGP INGREDIENTS, INC. 100 COMMERCIAL STREET ATCHISON, KS 66002 | | | Vice President | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Lori Norlen as attorney-in-fact for David Dykstra | 02/24/2017 | |
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| **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) Performance-based restricted stock unit award which will vest on February 14, 2020.

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