

DARLING INGREDIENTS INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
STERLING JOHN F2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
DARLING INGREDIENTS INC.
[DAR]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
251 O'CONNOR RIDGE
BLVD., SUITE 3003. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2017☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
EVP, General Counsel and Sec.(Street)
IRVING, TX 750384. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.29	05/09/2017 ⁽¹⁾		A		46,083		⁽²⁾	02/06/2027	Common stock	46,083

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
STERLING JOHN F 251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD. SUITE 300 IRVING, TX 75038	EVP, General Counsel and Sec.

Signatures

John F. Sterling 05/11/2017

 Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
- The option grant was approved by the compensation committee of Darling Ingredients Inc.'s board of directors on February 6, 2017,
- (1) subject to shareholder approval of the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan under which the option was granted. Darling's shareholders approved the plan on May 9, 2017.
- (2) Options granted pursuant to the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan to purchase 15,361 shares become exercisable on each of 2/6/18, 2/6/19 and 2/6/20.

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