

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person YI SOO IL BENJAMIN | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Riot Blockchain, Inc. [RIOT] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Executive Chairman | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|-------|---|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC., 3855 AMBROSIA STREET, STE. 301 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/13/2022 | | | | | | | |
| (Street) CASTLE ROCK, CO 80109 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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

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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) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|--|--|--|--|-------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 (1) | 07/13/2022 | | A | | 16,666 (2) | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 16,666 | \$ 0 (1) | 50,416 (3) | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| YI SOO IL BENJAMIN C/O RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC. 3855 AMBROSIA STREET, STE. 301 CASTLE ROCK, CO 80109 | X | | Executive Chairman | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Soo Il Benjamin Yi | 07/15/2022 |
| <small>Signature of Reporting Person</small> | <small>Date</small> |

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).

Pursuant to the Riot Blockchain, Inc. 2019 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, (the "Equity Plan") each performance-based restricted stock unit ("PSUs") represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock, no par value per share, ("Common Stock") upon settlement by the Issuer following vesting. PSUs are subject to vesting under the

(1) performance plan established by the Issuer's Compensation and Human Resources Committee (the "Committee") under the Equity Plan, (the "Performance Plan") in connection with the Issuer's achievement of certain performance milestones specified by the Committee during the performance period expiring on December 31, 2023.

On July 13, 2022, the Committee determined that the Issuer had achieved, as of June 30, 2022, the performance criteria corresponding to 16,666 PSUs. Upon vesting, the Issuer records

(2) PSUs as Restricted Stock Units, which are eligible to be settled by the Issuer in shares of its Common Stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to any net settlement for taxes as permitted under the Plan and as approved by the Committee. Accordingly, the award of 16,666 Restricted Stock Units reported on this Form 4 represents the vesting of 16,666 PSUs awarded to the Reporting Person on August 12, 2021.

(3) Represents the total direct and indirect beneficial ownership of the indicated security held by the Reporting Person immediately following the reported transaction.

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