

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Les Jason	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Riot Blockchain, Inc. [RIOT]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC., 202 6TH STREET, SUITE 401	(Street) CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104	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 Beneficially Owned		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,500 (1)	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Les Jason C/O RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC. 202 6TH STREET, SUITE 401 CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104	X			

Signatures

/s/ Jason Les		11/08/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

Represents a restricted stock award under the Riot Blockchain, Inc. (f/k/a Bioptix, Inc.) Amended & Restated Equity Incentive Plan granted in connection with the Reporting Person's appointment as a Director of the Issuer, which shall vest in 24 equal monthly (1) installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of the date of issuance, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the Issuer on each respective vesting date. If, during the vesting period a Qualified Transaction occurs, as defined in the February 3, 2017 Board of Director minutes, the grant shall vest fully.

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