

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Ensey Christopher (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O RIOT BLOCKCHAIN, INC., 202 6TH STREET, SUITE 401 (Street) CASTLE ROCK, CO 80104 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Riot Blockchain, Inc. [RIOT]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Operating Officer	5. 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	

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	50,000 (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			
Option	01/27/2018	01/27/2028	Common Stock	50,000 (2)	\$ 18.5	D	

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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/s/ Christopher Ensey

02/13/2018

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. Amended & Restated Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") granted in
(1) connection with the Reporting Person's appointment as Chief Operating Officer of the Issuer, which shall vest in 24 equal monthly installments over a two year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of the date of issuance.

Represents an option award under the Plan granted in connection with the Reporting Person's appointment as Chief Operating Officer of
(2) the Issuer, which shall vest in 12 equal monthly installments over a one year period, beginning on the one month anniversary of the date of issuance.

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