

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MUHTAR JONATHAN A.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 6312 S. FIDDLER'S GREEN CIRCLE SUITE 200N (Street) GREENWOOD CO 80111 VILLAGE (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>RED ROBIN GOURMET BURGERS INC [RRGB]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Concept Officer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/11/2019</u> | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2019 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | | 560 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0 | 8,610 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- On March 15, 2018, the reporting person received a grant of performance share units (PSUs) representing 3,885 shares of the issuer's common stock (at target). The PSUs cliff vest at the end of a three year performance cycle, generally subject to the reporting person's continued employment through the applicable vesting date, with the number of PSUs earned and issued determined based on achievement of performance objectives approved by the issuer's compensation committee for each year in the performance cycle. On February 11, 2019, the compensation committee determined that the objectives for the first tranche (2018) were achieved at a level resulting in 560 shares being earned by the reporting person. The shares issued will not vest until the end of the three year performance cycle on December 27, 2020.
- Includes 4,999 shares subject to vesting and forfeiture restrictions.

/s/ Michael L. Kaplan
Attorney-in-Fact

02/12/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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