

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>PETROCELLI ATILIO</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>9 PARK PLACE</u> (Street) <u>GREAT NECK NY 11021</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NATHANS FAMOUS INC [NATH]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/29/2016</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2016 | | M | | 3,787 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$11.72 | 108,009 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 16,000 | I ⁽²⁾ | By Entity |

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 | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (Right to Buy) | \$11.72 | 02/29/2016 | | M | | 3,787 | | | (3) | 06/05/2016 | Common Stock | 3,787 | \$0 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- These shares were acquired through the exercise of stock options granted on June 6, 2011 pursuant to the Issuer's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- These shares are owned directly by an entity of which Mr. Petrocelli is the principal stockholder and principal executive officer.
- These options to purchase shares replaced options to purchase 2,500 shares at an exercise price of \$17.75, in connection with the special cash dividend of the Issuer and pursuant to Article IV(e) of the Issuer's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, under which the Issuer's Compensation Committee has the authority to make appropriate provisions upon the Issuer's declaration of a special cash dividend. The original options vested 25% on each of the first through fourth anniversaries of June 6, 2011, the original grant date, and these replacement options have the same vesting terms and expiration date as the original grant.

/s/ Attilio Petrocelli 03/01/2016
 ** 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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