

Venter Johann  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Venter Johann

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
[AVD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4695 MACARTHUR COURT, STE 1200  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/30/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
See Remarks

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)								
							Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 11.49	03/30/2018	J <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		5,241	03/30/2018					12/30/2024		Common Stock	5,241

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Venter Johann 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, STE 1200 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660			See Remarks	

## Signatures

/s/ JOHANN  
VENTER

04/02/2018

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).

(1) These performance stock options arose from a target award of 5,516 such options that were awarded to reporting person on December 30, 2014 and, by their terms, were to vest and become exercisable, provided i) reporting person was continuously employed by the issuer through December 30, 2017, and ii) the Company met certain financial metrics over the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. Those financial metrics included the relative growth of its earnings before income tax ("EBIT") compared to the median growth of EBIT of a certain group of industry peers (weighted at 50%), the relative growth of its net sales as compared to the median growth of net sales of that same group (weighted at 30%) and the relative growth of the fair market value of the Company's common stock as compared to the Russell 2000 Index (weighted at 20%). The percentage of target options subject to vesting could range from 0% (for underperformance) to 200% (for outperformance).

(2) (continued from Footnote 1) Issuer has completed its measurement of the Company's financial performance over the measurement period and determined that reporting person is entitled to receive 195% of the target award. In this case, the reporting person would receive the product of 5,516 x 1.95 = 10,756 options, of which 5,241 are in addition to the target amount that had been reported in the Form 4 of the reporting person on or about the date of the award.

### Remarks:

Vice President - Technology - AMVAC

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