

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vranos Michael W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>53 FOREST AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>OLD GREENWICH CT 06870</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/01/2018</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Co-Chief Investment Officer</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 Shares | 08/01/2018 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,841 | A | \$0 | 1,025,920 | I | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | | 362,070 | D | |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | | 1,296,262 | I | See footnote ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | | 177,474 | I | In Trust ⁽⁴⁾ |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares were issued in connection with the second quarter 2018 incentive fee payable to Ellington Financial Management LLC ("EFM"), the issuer's manager, pursuant to a management agreement between the issuer and EFM.

2. Of these 1,025,920 common shares, 1,024,079 common shares are owned directly by EMG Holdings, L.P. ("EMGH") and 1,841 common shares are directly owned by EFM. VC Investments LLC ("VC") is the general partner of EMGH and the managing member of EFM. Michael W. Vranos is the managing member of, and holds a controlling interest in, VC. Michael W. Vranos and VC together share the power to direct the voting and disposition of common shares held by EMGH and EFM, and may be regarded as the beneficial owners of the common shares. Each of Michael W. Vranos and VC disclaims beneficial ownership of any common shares owned beneficially or of record by each other except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.

3. Mr. Vranos is the managing member of an entity that holds these shares for estate planning purposes.

4. Common Shares are held in family trusts for the benefit of EMGH partners (other than Mr. Vranos) for which Mr. Vranos acts as trustee.

Remarks:

/s/ Jason S. Frank, attorney-in-
fact for Michael W. Vranos 08/03/2018
** 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).

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