

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> | 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Co-Chief Investment Officer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/14/2017</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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 Shares | 12/14/2017 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 8,933 | D | \$0 | 1,035,559 | I | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Shares | 12/14/2017 | | J ⁽³⁾ | | 11,480 | D | \$0 | 1,024,079 | I | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | | 1,578,537 | I | Trust ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Shares | | | | | | | | 177,474 | I | In Trust ⁽⁵⁾ |

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) | | 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) | | | | | |

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VC INVESTMENTS LLC
 (Last) (First) (Middle)
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Explanation of Responses:

1. On December 14, 2017, these common shares were transferred from the investment account of a partner in EMG Holdings, L.P. ("EMGH") at the direction of such partner to a third party. EMGH did not receive or pay any consideration in connection with the transfer of such common shares. Each of Michael W. Vranos and VC Investments LLC ("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.
2. These common shares are owned directly by EMGH. VC is the general partner of EMGH. 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 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. On December 14, 2017, these common shares were transferred from EMGH to the personal account of a partner in EMGH. EMGH did not receive or pay any consideration in connection with the transfer of such 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.
4. Common Shares are held in a grantor retained annuity trust for which Mr. Vranos acts as a trustee.
5. Common Shares are held in family trusts for the benefit of certain 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 12/15/2017

** 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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