

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 HATHORN SAMUEL C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP  
 [FIZZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 8100 SW 10TH STREET, SUITE 4000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/08/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 PLANTATION, FL 33324

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 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	(D)	Price
							\$
COMMON STOCK	02/08/2016		X		18,000	A	1.22
							79,188
							D

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)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Special Stock Option	\$ 1.22 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/08/2016		X	18,000	<sup>(1)</sup> 02/12/2016	COMMON STOCK	18,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HATHORN SAMUEL C 8100 SW 10TH STREET SUITE 4000 PLANTATION, FL 33324	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Samuel C.  
Hathorn, Jr. 02/10/2016  
 \*\*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) Options granted under the Company's Special Stock Option Plan vest over an eight-year period in relatively equal amounts at approximately 16 month intervals. The exercise price can be reduced and the vesting schedule can be accelerated by the optionee purchasing and maintaining ownership of shares of common stock and/or the Company achieving performance objectives as determined by the Board of Directors. Mr. Samuel C Hathorn, Jr.'s option was granted on February 13, 2006, became fully vested on October 13, 2013, and was set to expire on February 12, 2016. Reference is made to Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended May 2, 2015.

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