

DARLING INGREDIENTS INC.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
STERLING JOHN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DARLING INGREDIENTS INC.  
[DAR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
251 O'CONNOR RIDGE  
BLVD., SUITE 300  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, General Counsel and Sec.

IRVING, TX 75038

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 | 5. Number of Derivative | 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 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 12.29                                 | 05/09/2017 <sup>(1)</sup> | A               |   | 46,083           |                  | <sup>(2)</sup>   | 02/06/2027      | Common stock | 46,083                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| STERLING JOHN F<br>251 O'CONNOR RIDGE BLVD.<br>SUITE 300<br>IRVING, TX 75038 |               |           | EVP, General Counsel and Sec. |       |

## Signatures

John F. Sterling                      05/11/2017  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- The option grant was approved by the compensation committee of Darling Ingredients Inc.'s board of directors on February 6, 2017,
- (1) subject to shareholder approval of the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan under which the option was granted. Darling's shareholders approved the plan on May 9, 2017.
  - (2) Options granted pursuant to the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan to purchase 15,361 shares become exercisable on each of 2/6/18, 2/6/19 and 2/6/20.

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