FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* STOLZE JAMES M | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC [ESE] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|--|------------|---|-------|---|--|-----|--|---|--|---|-----------------|---|---|--|------|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (F | irst) | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2024 | | | | | | | | Officer (below) | | | | | | |
| C/O ESCO TECHNOLOGIES INC 9900A CLAYTON ROAD | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | cable | |
| (Street) SAINT LOUIS MO 63124 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | _ F | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | | Execution D | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | (A) or 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned Fo | s For | | : Direct I r Indirect I str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transacti (Instr. 3 a | on(s) | | | msu. 4) | |
| Common Stock 02/06/20 | | | | | 6/202 | 024 | | | M | | 1,810 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$102.99(1 | 26, | 346 | | D | | |
| 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) | ve Conversion Date Execut or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | Date, | | ransaction ode (Instr. | | 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) | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| Restricted Share Units | \$0 | 02/06/2024 | | | M | | | 1,810 ⁽¹⁾ | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 1,810(1) | \$102.99 ⁽¹⁾ | 19,114.6 | 5094 | D | | |
| Restricted Share | \$0 | 02/06/2024 | | | D | | | 0.7553 ⁽¹⁾ | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 0.7553(1) | \$102.99 ⁽¹⁾ | 19,113.8 | 3541 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents vesting of restricted share units (RSUs) acquired during 2023, conversion of whole number of vested RSUs into the same number of underlying whole shares of common stock, and disposition of remaining fractional RSUs to the issuer in exchange for cash at rate per share equal to NYSE closing price on vesting date.

Remarks:

Power of Attorney on file

/s/ J.D. Fisher, Attorney-in-fact 02/08/2024

** 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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^{2.} RSUs were granted February 6, 2023, vesting one year after grant date.