

Matthews Joseph E IV
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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 *
 Matthews Joseph E IV

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENTEX CORP [GNTX]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 4739 NAOMI LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2018

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President Purchasing

ST. JOSEPH, MI 49085
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/15/2018		A	3,000 (1) A \$ 0 (2)	21,120	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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 22.94	02/15/2018		A	6,500	02/15/2019 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/15/2028	Common Stock 6,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Matthews Joseph E IV 4739 NAOMI LANE ST. JOSEPH, MI 49085			Vice President Purchasing	

Signatures

/s/ Robert L. Hughes for Matthews Joseph E IV by Power of Attorney 02/20/2018

**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) These shares vest 100% four years from grant award date.
- (2) Shares granted under the Gentex Corporation Restricted Stock Plan, which is a Rule 16B-3 Plan.
- (3) Options granted under the Gentex Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan, which is a Rule 16B-3 Plan.
- (4) These shares become exercisable as to 25% one year after date of grant and an additional 25% at each ensuing anniversary date.

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