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| continue. See Instruction | 1 |
| 1(b). | |

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person + Wang Maoji | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Professional Diversity Network, Inc. [IPDN] | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Mi C/O PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY NETWORK, I W. ADAMS, SIXTH FLOOR | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/20/2017 | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer | | | |
| (Street) CHICAGO,, IL 60607 | 4. I | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) (State) (| Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
| (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | Execution Date, if any | (Instr. 8) | | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Ownership Form: | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
| | (Month/Day/Year) Code V Amount (D) Pric | | Price | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 11/20/2017 | | Р | | 17,500 | А | \$ 4.47 | 48,830 | 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Title of | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction | 3A. Deemed | 4. Transacti | ion | 5. Number | r of | 6. Date Exer | rcisable and | 7. Title and A | mount of | 8. Price of | 9. Number of | 10. | 11. Nature |
| Derivative Security | or Exercise | Date | Execution Date, if | Code | | Derivative | ; | Expiration I | Date | Underlying S | ecurities | Derivative | Derivative | Ownership | of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | (Month/Day/Year) | any | (Instr. 8) | | Securities | Acquired | (Month/Day | | | Security | Securities | Form of | Beneficial | |
| | Derivative | | (Month/Day/Year) | | | (A) or Dis | posed of | | | | | (Instr. 5) | Beneficially | Derivative | Ownership |
| | Security | | | | | (D) | | | | | | | Owned | Security: | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | (Instr. 3, 4 | , and 5) | | | | | | | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Expiration | | Amount or Number of | | Reported Transaction(s) | or Indirect (I) | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Exercisable | Date | | Shares | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.99 | | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 12/22/2026 | Common Stock | 210,000 | | 210,000 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Barrier One New (Aller | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Wang Maoji C/O PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY NETWORK, INC. 801 W. ADAMS, SIXTH FLOOR CHICAGO,, IL 60607 | х | | Chief Executive Officer | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Jiangping (Gary) Xiao, Attorney-in-Fact | 11/22/2017 |
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| 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) The option vests in accordance with the following schedule: (i) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option vested immediately on the date of grant (December 22, 2016), (ii) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option will vest on December 20, 2016).

Remarks:

The reporting person holds a minority equity interest in Cosmic Forward Limited ("CFL"), which directly owns common stock of the Issuer. The reporting person is not a controlling shareholder of C

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