

Leimkuhler William F.
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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 *
Leimkuhler William F.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ARGAN INC [AGX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
43 SALEM STRAITS RD.

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2018

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

DARIEN, CT 06820

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 20,000 | D | By Elizabeth K. Leimkuhler Trust Under Agreement dated August 30, 2005 |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 1,000 | I | By Emily K. Leimkuhler Trust Under |
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) | 1,000 | I | By Emily K. Leimkuhler Trust Under |

Agreement dated August 30, 2005

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 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option to purchase Common Stock | \$ 41.19 | 12/12/2019 | | A | 10,000 <u>(1)</u> | 12/12/2019 12/12/2028 | Common Stock 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Leimkuhler William F. 43 SALEM STRAITS RD. DARIEN, CT 06820 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ William F. Leimkuhler
12/13/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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On December 12, 2018 (the "Grant Date"), the Reporting Person received 10-year options, vesting ratably over three years on each anniversary date from the Grant Date, to purchase 10,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock with an exercise price of \$41.19 per share.

- The total number of stock options owned by the Reporting Person includes options to acquire (i) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$18.87 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/18/2013 and Expiration Date of 12/18/2022; (ii) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$26.88 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/17/2014 and Expiration Date of 12/17/2023; (iii) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$31.82 per share with Date Exercisable of 12/11/2015 and Expiration Date of 12/11/2024; (iv) 10,000 shares of Common Stock at an Exercise Price of \$30.44 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/7/2017 and Expiration Date of 1/7/2026;
- (2) (v) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$71.75 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/5/2018 and Expiration Date of 1/5/2027; (vi) 10,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$46.35 per share with Date Exercisable of 1/11/2019 and Expiration Date of 1/11/2028; and
- (3) (vii) 10,000 shares of common stock at a purchase price of \$41.19 per share with initial Date Exercisable beginning on 12/12/2019 and Expiration Date of 12/12/2028.

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