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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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Professional Diversity Network, Inc.

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Wang Maoji

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY, NETWORK, INC., 801 W. ADAMS, SIXTH FLOOR

(Street)

(State)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Symbol

[IPDN]

(Month/Day/Year)

04/19/2018

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Executive Officer

10% Owner

Other (specify

CHICAGO, IL 60607

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1.Title of

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

X_ Officer (give title

6. Ownership Form: Direct (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.82	04/19/2018		A	70,000	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	70,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Wang Maoji C/O PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY NETWORK, INC., 801 W. ADAMS, SIXTH FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60607	X		Chief Executive Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Jiangping (Gary) Xiao, Attorney-in-Fact 04/24/2018

**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).
- On April 19, 2018, the Company granted an option to purchase 70,000 shares of Common Stock to Mr. Wang. The options issued to the executive will vest in accordance with the following schedule: (i) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option will vest immediately on the Effective Date, (ii) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option will vest on the one-year anniversary of the Effective Date, and (iii) 1/3 of the shares underlying the option will vest on the two-year anniversary of the Effective Date.

Remarks:

The reporting person holds a minority equity interest in Cosmic Forward Limited ("CFL"), which directly owns common stock Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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