

Ahola Aaron
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Ahola Aaron

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES INC
 [AKAM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

C/O AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC., 150 BROADWAY

02/08/2018

SVP & General Counsel

(Street)

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

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/08/2018 | A | | 8,321 | | <u>(2)</u> | 02/09/2021 | Common Stock | 8,321 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/08/2018 | A | | 13,762 | | <u>(3)</u> | 02/10/2020 | Common Stock | 13,762 |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/08/2018 | A | | 4,160 | | <u>(4)</u> | 02/22/2018 | Common Stock | 4,160 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ahola Aaron C/O AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 150 BROADWAY CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142 | | | SVP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

/s/ James H Hammons Jr, by power of attorney 02/12/2018

__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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(1) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents the right to receive one share of Akamai common stock upon vesting.

Vesting of such RSUs is dependent on Akamai's achievement of a specified financial performance targets for each of 2018, 2019 and 2020. To the extent such targets are met, the RSUs will vest on the date the company's financial results for 2020 are certified. Amount reported is target amount issuable.

(3) Vests as follows: 1/3 on each of February 8, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Vesting of such RSUs is dependent on the relative cumulative total shareholder return of Akamai's common stock as compared to the S&P 500 Information Technology Index for 2018, 2019 and 2020. To the extent the company's total shareholder return exceeds specified target percentile rankings within such index, the RSUs will vest in full on the date the company's financial results for 2020 are certified. Amount reported is target issuable.

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