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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gawlick Rainer

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Proto Labs Inc [PRLB] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE

11/21/2017

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

below)

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	tion Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) ay/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (D) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Insu: 1)	
Common Stock	11/21/2017		M(1)	1,500	A	\$ 5.56	6,925	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2017		S(2)	1,500	D	\$ 90.3147 (3)	5,425	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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 (right to buy)	\$ 5.56	11/21/2017		M(1)	1,500	<u>(4)</u>	04/28/2019	Common Stock	1,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Transfer and the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Gawlick Rainer 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359	X					

Signatures

/s/ Samuel A. Rosenbaum, attorney-in-fact

11/21/2017 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Stock option exercise effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 2, 2016.
- (2) Sale effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 2, 2016.
 - Reflects the weighted average price of 1,500 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person on November 21, 2017 with sale prices ranging from \$90.20 to \$90.45 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S.
- Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) Fully vested.

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