

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Swartwood Jesse (Last) (First) (Middle) 750 N. COMMONS DRIVE (Street) AURORA, IL 60504 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2017 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES INC [WSTL] | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SVP, Worldwide Sales | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock | 175,430 (1) | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|-----------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Employee Stock Option | (2) | 09/18/2022 | Class A Common Stock | 15,000 | \$ 1.175 | D | |
| Employee Stock Option | (3) | 09/06/2023 | Class A Common Stock | 150,000 | \$ 0.54 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Swartwood Jesse 750 N. COMMONS DRIVE AURORA, IL 60504 | | | SVP, Worldwide Sales | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeniffer Jaynes, by power of attorney

Signature of Reporting Person

01/09/2017

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Includes 111,500 unvested restricted stock units (RSUs) and 57,316 unvested performance-based RSUs. Upon vesting, the RSUs convert into shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

On September 18, 2015, Mr. Swartwood received an award of non-qualified stock options pursuant to the 2015 Omnibus Incentive

(2) Compensation Plan. The options vest 33% annually beginning on September 18, 2016 and for each of the following two years concluding on September 18, 2018.

On September 6, 2016, Mr. Swartwood received an award of non-qualified stock options pursuant to the 2015 Omnibus Incentive

(3) Compensation Plan. The options vest 33% annually beginning on September 6, 2017 and for each of the following two years concluding on September 6, 2019.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY
For Section 16 Reporting Obligations

Know all by these present, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Thomas P. Minichiello, Anthony DeSilva, and Jeniffer Jaynes as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Westell Technologies, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each such attorney-in-fact, or each such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as the 16th day of December, 2016.

/s/ Jesse Swartwood

Print Name: Jesse Swartwood