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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Holland Mason R Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Director

10% Owner Other (specify

03/29/2018

_X__ Officer (give title below) Executive Chairman of the Bd.

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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CHARLESTON, SC 29492

(City)	(State)	(State) 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. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common	02/20/2019		Code V	Amount 1,668	,	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	D	
Stock	03/29/2018		M	<u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0	34,184	D	
Common Stock	03/29/2018		A	4,104 (2)	A	\$0	38,288	D	
Common Stock							2,649,099	I	By Holland Family Trust (3)
Common Stock							5	I	As custodian for minor son

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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 Disposed (Instr. 3, 4)	(A) or of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of S
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/29/2018		M		1,668	<u>(1)</u>	04/01/2018	Common Stock	1,
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/29/2018		D		3,893	<u>(4)</u>	04/01/2018	Common Stock	3.
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/29/2018		D		8,341	<u>(4)</u>	04/01/2021	Common Stock	8.
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/29/2018		A	6,218		<u>(5)</u>	04/01/2019	Common Stock	6
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	03/29/2018		A	12,498		<u>(6)</u>	04/01/2022	Common Stock	12

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Holland Mason R Jr 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY CHARLESTON, SC 29492	X		Executive Chairman of the Bd.				
Signatures							
/s/ S. Halle Vakani, Attorney-in-Fact	04/02	2/2018					
**Signature of Reporting Person	Da	nte					

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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).
- Shares earned upon the vesting of a percentage of the performance restricted stock units ("PRSUs") granted to the Reporting Person on March 31, 2017. Each PRSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock upon the Issuer's achievement of annual revenue goals and free cash flow goals, all subject to a minimum adjusted EBITDA level, during the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- (2) Represents restricted stock units which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2019, subject to continued employment.
- (3) These shares are held in a living trust for the benefit of the reporting person and his spouse. The reporting person shares voting and investment control over these shares.
- (4) Represents the portion of PRSUs that were forfeited to the Issuer after determining the percentage of PRSUs that vested.
 - Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. A percentage of the PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of an annual revenue goal, an adjusted EBITDA goal, and a net new
- (5) bookings goal, during the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.
 - Each PRSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The maximum number of PRSUs is presented in the table. The PRSUs will vest upon the achievement of annual recurring revenue bookings percentage growth goals during the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, such vesting to occur in four equal annual installments beginning on April 1, 2019, if the
- (6) performance metrics are met. Vesting of the target level PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability during the performance period in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting will also accelerate as to the next tranche of vesting units in the event of death or disability after the performance period. Vesting of the target PRSUs may also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

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