

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Downing Steven R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 14814 CREEK EDGE DRIVE (Street) HOLLAND MI 49424 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GENTEX CORP [GNTX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/31/2017	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check 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

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	M		5,000	A	\$8.635	46,125	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	M		1,800	A	\$12.795	47,925	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	M		3,376	A	\$15.5	51,301	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	S		5,000	D	\$20.746	46,301	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	S		1,800	D	\$20.746	44,501	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	S		3,376	D	\$20.746	41,125	D	

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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$8.635	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	M			5,000	09/27/2015	09/27/2019	Common Stock	5,000	\$8.635	5,000	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$12.795	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	M			1,800	09/30/2014	09/30/2020	Common Stock	1,800	\$12.795	16,200	D	
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$15.5	01/31/2017	01/31/2017	M			3,376	09/30/2016	09/30/2022	Common Stock	3,376	\$15.5	13,504	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Steven R. Downing 02/01/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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