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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Baker Arthur R. III Issuer Symbol Proto Labs Inc [PRLB] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE 02/13/2017 below) Chief Technology Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

(Chij)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/13/2017		A	6,430 (1)	A	\$ 58.35	13,535	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. Transactic 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 58.35	02/13/2017		A	4,535	(2)	02/13/2027	Common Stock	4,535

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Baker Arthur R. III 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

Chief Technology Officer

Signatures

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

02/15/2017 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) The restricted stock units vest as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on February 13, 2018.
- (2) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on February 13, 2018.

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