Gawlick Rainer
Form 4
January 04, 2018

# FORM 4

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
### Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*]<br>Gawlick Rainer | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>Proto Labs Inc [PRLB] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |
|---|---|---|
| (Last)   (First)   (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/02/2018 | (Check all applicable)<br>__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner<br>_____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) |
| 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359 | | |
| (City)   (State)   (Zip) | | |

### 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 | 01/02/2018 | | M[(1)] | | 500 | A | $ 5.56 | 10,925 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2018 | | S[(2)] | | 500 | D | $ 102.75 | 10,425 | D | |

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

### 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Pri Deri Secur (Instr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | | | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | $ 5.56 | 01/02/2018 | | M[(1)] | | 500 | | | | [(3)] | 04/28/2019 | Common Stock | 500 | $ |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Gawlick Rainer<br>5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE<br>MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359 | X | | | |

## Signatures

| /s/ Samuel A. Rosenbaum, attorney-in-fact | 01/04/2018 |
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| [**]Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

## 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.

**(3)**    Fully vested.

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