

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**Venter Johann**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
 [AVD]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**4695 MACARTHUR COURT,  
 SUITE 1200**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/08/2017**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 See Remarks

**NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/08/2017		A		3,158 (1)	A	\$ 0 28,243 D
Common Stock	02/08/2017		A		3,158 (2)	A	\$ 0 31,401 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)*

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Venter Johann 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, SUITE 1200 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660				See Remarks

## Signatures

/s/ JOHANN  
 VENTER

02/10/2017

\*\*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) These comprise an award of time-based restricted stock that vests in its entirety on February 8, 2020, if and only if reporting person is continuously employed by issuer through such vesting date as per the terms of a Restricted Stock Agreement dated as of February 8, 2017.
- (2) These comprise an award of performance-based restricted stock that vests upon the attainment of both (i) continuous employment through February 8, 2020, and (ii) the relative growth of the issuer's EBIT, net sales and stock price appreciation as compared to that of certain industry comparator groups over the course of fiscal years 2017 - 2019 as per the terms of a Performance Stock Agreement dated as of February 8, 2017.

### Remarks:

Vice President Technology (AMVAC)

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