

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>HATHORN SAMUEL C</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>8100 SW 10TH STREET</u> <u>SUITE 4000</u>  (Street) <u>PLANTATION FL 33324</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)			<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP [ FIZZ ]</u>  <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>02/08/2016</u>  <b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
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**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	02/08/2016		X		18,000	A	\$1.22 <sup>(1)</sup>	79,188	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Special Stock Option	\$1.22 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/08/2016		X		18,000	(1)	02/12/2016	COMMON STOCK	18,000	(1)	30,745	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Options granted under the Company's Special Stock Option Plan vest over an eight-year period in relatively equal amounts at approximately 16 month intervals. The exercise price can be reduced and the vesting schedule can be accelerated by the optionee purchasing and maintaining ownership of shares of common stock and/or the Company achieving performance objectives as determined by the Board of Directors. Mr. Samuel C Hathorn, Jr.'s option was granted on February 13, 2006, became fully vested on October 13, 2013, and was set to expire on February 12, 2016. Reference is made to Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended May 2, 2015.

/s/ Samuel C. Hathorn, Jr. 02/10/2016

\*\* 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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