FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL **OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] HATHORN SAMUEL C				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP [FIZZ]								5. Relationship of Rep (Check all applicable) X Director			rting P		o Issuer o Owner	
(Last) (First) 8100 SW 10TH STREET			(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2016									Officer (give title below)		Other (specify below)			
SUITE 40			4. If Amend	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 						
(Street) PLANTATION FL		33324											n filed by M					
(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, f any		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and					5. Amo Securit Benefic	ies	6. Own Forn	ership	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
			, , , ,		onth/Day/Year)					(A) or (D)	Price		Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock			12/28/2015		G ⁽¹⁾)	2,	170	D	D \$47.19 ⁽²⁾		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)	of Der Sec Acq (A) Dis of (I	posed D) tr. 3, 4	Expi (Mor	ration E nth/Day/		Arr Sec Un De Sec 3 a	Title and ount of surities derlying ivative surity (Inst nd 4) Amou or Numt of e Share	r.	. Price f erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	s Ily J	10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D or Indired (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Gifted 1,085 shares each of National Beverage Corp. common stock to 2 different charitable organizations.

2. Price per share is the closing price of National Beverage Corp. common stock on the date of the gift.

/s/ Samuel C. Hathorn, Jr. 06/28/2016

** 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).

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