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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW] Mines Andrew (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2018 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 155 HARLEM AVE. (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person GLENVIEW, ILÂ 60025 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One **Executive Vice President** Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 539 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	le and	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
					Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative	Security:		
					Security	Direct (D)		
						or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	02/13/2016(1)	02/13/2025	Common Stock	2,430	\$ 98.26	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/10/2018(1)	02/10/2027	Common Stock	5,777	\$ 128	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/14/2015	02/14/2024	Common Stock	1,375	\$ 78.59	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/12/2017(1)	02/12/2026	Common Stock	3,747	\$ 91.88	D	Â
Performance Share Units (granted 2/10/17) (2) (3)	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	616	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/12/2016) (2)	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	1,088	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Mines Andrew			Executive			
155 HARLEM AVE.	Â	Â	Vice	Â		
GLENVIEW, IL 60025			President			

Signatures

Andrew Mines, by Janet O. Love, Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact on File

02/20/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit (RSU) and performance share unit (PSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (3) PSUs accrue dividends in shares of common stock, subject to fulfillment of vesting period and performance goals; the PSUs shown include dividend equivalents accrued, if any, to date.
- (4) Each PSU vests 100% three years from date of grant if performance goals are met.
- (5) Each RSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant.

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