

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 FULTON, PAUL
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC
 101 S STRATFORD ROAD SUITE 355
 WINSTON SALEM, NC 27104
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 BASSETT FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC
 BSET
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 APRIL 30 2000
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) 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 | 2. Transaction Date | 3. Transaction Code | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | 6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---|------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| | | | Amount | A/D | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 4-13-00 | A* | V | 4724 | 14,724 | D | |
| *RESTRICTED UNTIL 3-28-01; CONTINUOUS SERVICE REQUIRED THROUGH 3-28-01 (OR, IF EARLIER, RETIREMENT). RESTRICTIONS LIFTED UPON DEATH OR DISABILITY. | | | | | | | |

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative Security | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month | 10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| **OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 22.625 | | | | *** 5-06-07 | COMMON | *** | 250,000 | D | |
| ****OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 14.875 | | | | 1-18-01 1-17-10 | COMMON | 5,000 | 15,000 | D | |
| ****OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 14.875 | | | | 1-18-02 1-17-10 | COMMON | 5,000 | | | |
| ****OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 14.875 | | | | 1-18-03 1-17-10 | COMMON | 5,000 | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

**GRANTED UNDER THE 1993 LONG TERM INCENTIVE PLAN WHICH IS A RULE 16b-3 PLAN.
 ***125,000 SHARES AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER 5-06-97 AND WHEN THE PRICE OF THE STOCK EQUALS OR EXCEEDS \$29.00 PER SHARE.
 ****125,000 SHARES VESTED WITH SALE RESTRICTION UNTIL 5-06-02 OR EARLIER, WHEN THE PRICE OF THE STOCK EQUALS OR EXCEEDS \$37.00 PER SHARE FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.
 *****GRANTED UNDER THE 1997 EMPLOYEE STOCK PLAN.
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 PAUL FULTON

DATE
MAY 1 2000