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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* SCHOEBEL RICHARD K. | | | | | RE' | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP [ROIC] | | | | | | | | | Check al | I app Direc | licable) | g Person(s) to I 10% (Other | |
|---|--|----|----------|-----------------------|--|--|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------|---|---------------------|--|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) . C/O RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2017 | | | | | | | | | | below | /) | below ating Officer | |
| 8905 TOWNE CENTRE DRIVE, SUITE 108 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92122 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) 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 (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | | | and 5) Secu Bene | | cially I Following | 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 | Tran | | ction(s) 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 01/01/2 | | | | | | 2017 | | | A | | 7,500(1) | | A | \$0 | | 184,003 | | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 01/01/2 | | | | | | 2017 | | A | | 7,767 ⁽²⁾ | | A | \$ <mark>0</mark> | | 191,770 | | D | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share 01/01/2 | | | | | 2017 | | | | F | F 1 | | 14,761(3) | | \$21.13 | | 177,009 | | D | |
| | | Та | ble II - | Derivati (e.g., pu | ve Se ts, ca | cur alls, | ities warr | Acqu ants, | ired, D option | ispo is, c | sed of, onvertib | or B le s | enefi ecuri | ciall ties) | y Owr | ned | | | |
| L. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Security 3. Transaction Date Execution Execution If any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) | | | | n Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr 8) | | on of | | 6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D | on Dat | e Amo ar) Secu Unde Deriv Secu | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price Derivat Securit (Instr. § | vative irity r. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | | | | | Expiration Date | or Ni of | | nber res | r | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. On February 21, 2014, the reporting person was granted 22,500 shares of restricted Common Stock that were issued pursuant to the Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest as to 7,500 shares on January 1, 2015, 7,500 shares on January 1, 2016 and 7,500 shares on January 1, 2017 based on the Issuer's achievement of certain performance criteria for each of the 12 months ending December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The performance criteria for 2016 were met, resulting in vesting of 7,500 shares. This report is being filed to reflect the vesting of these shares
- 2. On February 24, 2015, the reporting person was granted 23,300 shares of restricted Common Stock that were issued pursuant to the Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. 2009 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares vest as to 7,767 shares on January 1, 2016, 7,767 shares on January 1, 2017 and 7,766 shares on January 1, 2018 based on the Issuer's achievement of certain performance criteria for each of the 12 months ending December 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017. The performance criteria for 2016 were met, resulting in vesting of 7,767 shares. This report is being filed to reflect the vesting of these shares.
- 3. Consists of shares of Common Stock withheld by the Issuer in order to satisfy the tax withholding obligation of the reporting person in connection with shares of restricted Common Stock that vested.

/s/ Richard K. Schoebel

01/04/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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