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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *        |                                                                       |                   |                                         | 2. 1                                  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |                                   |                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                         |                    |                             |                                                                 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)             |                                                  |                                               |                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Olson Jon A                                      |                                                                       |                   |                                         | Re                                    | ocke                                               | et Lab                            | USA, I                                                                                             | nc.                                                                 | [ RKI                                   | L <b>B</b> ]       |                             |                                                                 | pileaole)                                                                           |                                                  |                                               |                                                                    |
| (Last)                                           | (Last) (First) (Middle)                                               |                   |                                         |                                       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)       |                                   |                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                         |                    |                             | X Director Officer (gi                                          | X Director10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)               |                                                  |                                               |                                                                    |
| C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC., 3881<br>MCGOWEN STREET |                                                                       |                   |                                         |                                       | 6/12/2024                                          |                                   |                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                         |                    |                             |                                                                 |                                                                                     |                                                  |                                               |                                                                    |
|                                                  | (Stre                                                                 |                   |                                         | 4. ]                                  | lf An                                              | nendme                            | nt, Date O                                                                                         | rigir                                                               | nal File                                | d (MM/D            | D/YYY                       | Y) 6. Individual                                                | or Joint/G                                                                          | roup Filing                                      | (Check Appl                                   | icable Line)                                                       |
| LONG BEACH, CA 90808                             |                                                                       |                   |                                         |                                       |                                                    |                                   |                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                         |                    |                             |                                                                 | X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |                                                  |                                               |                                                                    |
| (0                                               | City) (Star                                                           | te) (Zi           | p)                                      |                                       |                                                    |                                   |                                                                                                    |                                                                     |                                         |                    |                             |                                                                 |                                                                                     | 1 0                                              |                                               |                                                                    |
|                                                  |                                                                       |                   | Table I -                               | Non-Der                               | ivati                                              | ive Secu                          | ırities Acc                                                                                        | quir                                                                | ed, Dis                                 | posed o            | f, or I                     | Beneficially Own                                                | ed                                                                                  |                                                  |                                               |                                                                    |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                  |                                                                       |                   | Trans. Date                             | Date 2A. Dee<br>Execution<br>Date, if |                                                    | on (Instr. 8)                     |                                                                                                    | de 4. Securities Acquired (A or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                                         |                    |                             | Following Reported Transaction(s)  (Instr. 3 and 4)             |                                                                                     |                                                  | 7. Nature Ownership orm: Beneficial Ownership |                                                                    |
|                                                  |                                                                       |                   |                                         |                                       |                                                    |                                   | Code                                                                                               | V                                                                   | Amou                                    | (A) c              |                             | ee                                                              |                                                                                     |                                                  | or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4)              | (Instr. 4)                                                         |
| Common Stock                                     |                                                                       |                   | 6                                       | /12/2024                              |                                                    |                                   | A                                                                                                  |                                                                     | 42,353                                  | ( <u>1</u> ) A     | \$                          | 0                                                               |                                                                                     | 482,275                                          | D                                             |                                                                    |
|                                                  | Tab                                                                   | le II - Dei       | ivative Se                              | ecurities                             | Bene                                               | eficially                         | Owned (                                                                                            | e.g.,                                                               | puts, c                                 | alls, wa           | rrant                       | s, options, conve                                               | rtible secu                                                                         | ırities)                                         |                                               |                                                                    |
| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Trans.<br>Date | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | (Instr. 8)                            |                                                    | Derivativ<br>Acquired<br>Disposed | 5. Number of<br>Derivative Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |                                                                     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date |                    | Securi<br>Deriva<br>(Instr. | e and Amount of<br>ties Underlying<br>tive Security<br>3 and 4) | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                                                | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative            | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|                                                  |                                                                       |                   |                                         | Code                                  | V                                                  | (A)                               | (D)                                                                                                | Date<br>Exe                                                         | ercisable                               | Expiration<br>Date |                             | Amount or Number of<br>Shares                                   |                                                                                     | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)                     | (I) (Instr.<br>4)                             |                                                                    |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

(1) Represents restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to Jon A. Olson under the Rocket Lab USA, Inc. Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy. Such RSUs will vest in full on the earlier of (i) the one-year anniversary of the grant date or (ii) the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The RSUs were granted on June 12, 2024.

**Reporting Owners** 

| reporting owners               |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Olson Jon A                    |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC.       | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3881 MCGOWEN STREET            | <b>A</b>      |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LONG BEACH, CA 90808           |               |           |         |       |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### Signatures

/s/ Arjun Kampani as Attorney-in-Fact for Jon A. Olson

6/14/2024

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Signature of Reporting Person

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- \*\* 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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