

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strohband Sven (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC., 3881 MCGOWEN STREET (Street) LONG BEACH, CA 90808 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Rocket Lab USA, Inc. [RCLB] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 3/14/2022 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 3/14/2022 | | J(1) | | 67552 | A | \$0.00 | 67552 | I | By Trust (2) |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) On March 14, 2022, shares of Common Stock held by Khosla Ventures V, L.P. ("KV V"), Khosla Ventures Seed B, L.P. ("KV Seed B") and Khosla Ventures Seed B (CF), L.P. ("KV Seed B (CF)") were distributed to the limited partners and general partners of KV V, KV Seed B and KV Seed B (CF) in a pro rata distribution for no consideration. Of such distributed shares, 67,552 shares of Common Stock were received by Dr. Strohband.
- (2) Consists of securities held of record by a trust for the benefit of Dr. Strohband and his family.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Strohband Sven C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. 3881 MCGOWEN STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Adam Spice, as Attorney-in-Fact for Sven Strohband

3/16/2022

**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).

** 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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