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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Date of Event Statement (MM/ | | ent (MM/D | DD/YYYY) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Beck Peter 8/25/2 | | | 021 | Rocket Lab USA, Inc. [RKLB] | | | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 4. Relat | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | | | | |
| C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC., 3881 MCGOWEN STREET | | rector Officer (give | title below) | X10% Owner Other (specify below) | | | | | | | |
| | Preside | President, CEO and Chairman / | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | 5. If Amendmen Original Filed(M | | I/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | | |
| LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | | | - | Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | 54551250 | | I | By Equatorial Trust (1) | | | | | |
| Table II - Derivati | ve Securities | Beneficial | lly Owned (e.g | ., puts, calls, w | arrants, options | s, convertible sec | urities) | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | | on Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | n Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | | | | |
| Earnout Rights (common stock) | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 4408241 | (2) | I | By Equatorial Trust (1) | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Held directly by Equatorial Trust (the "Trust"), a family trust settled by Peter Beck and Kerryn Beck. Peek Street Equatorial Trustee Limited (the "Trustee") is the trustee of the Trust and each of Peter Beck, Kerryn Beck and Warren Butler serve as a director of the Trustee with shared voting and investment control of the shares and, as a result, the Trustee and each such individual is deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of the reported securities. Each reporting owner disclaims his, her or its beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his, her or its pecuniary interest.
- (2) Each earnout right represents a contingent right (based on the reporting owners' ownership of common stock) to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. The earnout rights vest upon the issuer's common stock achieving a closing price per share equal to or greater than \$20.00 for a period of at least 20 trading days out of 30 consecutive trading days during the period commencing on the 90th day following August 25, 2021 and ending on the 180th day following August 25, 2021. If the target closing stock price is not achieved during such period, the earnout rights will be forfeited.

Remarks

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

Exhibit 24.2 - Power of Attorney

Exhibit 24.3 - Power of Attorney

Exhibit 24.4 - Power of Attorney

Exhibit 24.5 - Power of Attorney

Reporting Owners

| Paparting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Beck Peter C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. 3881 MCGOWEN STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | X | X | President, CEO and Chairman | l | | |
| Beck Kerryn C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. 3881 MCGOWEN STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | | X | | | | |
| Butler Warren C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. 3881 MCGOWEN STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | | X | | | | |
| Equatorial Trust C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. 3881 MCGOWEN STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | | X | | | | |
| Peek Street Equatorial Trustee Ltd C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC. 3881 MCGOWEN STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90808 | | X | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Robert M.P. Hurwitz, as Attorney-in-Fact for Peter Beck | | | | |
|---|------|--|--|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |
| /s/ Robert M.P. Hurwitz, as Attorney-in-Fact for Kerryn Beck | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |
| /s/ Robert M.P. Hurwitz, as Attorney-in-Fact for Warren Butler | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |
| /s/ Robert M.P. Hurwitz, as Attorney-in-Fact for Equatorial Trust | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date | | | |
| /s/ Robert M.P. Hurwitz, as Attorney-in-Fact for Peek Street Equatorial Trustee Limited | | | | |
| **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 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Adam Spice and Robert M.P. Hurwitz, each signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Rocket Lab USA, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 and amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form ID, 3, 4, or 5 or amendment thereto and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be necessary or desirable in connection with the foregoing authority, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms ID, 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities of the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney shall expire as to any individual attorney-in-fact if such attorney-in-fact ceases to be an employee of the Company. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 24th day of August, 2021.

Signature: /s/ Peter Beck

Print Name: Peter Beck

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Adam Spice and Robert M.P. Hurwitz, each signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

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Signature: /s/ Kerryn Beck

Print Name: Kerryn Beck

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Signature: /s/ Warren Butler

Print Name: Warren Butler

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EQUATORIAL TRUST

By: Peek Street Equatorial Trustee Limited, its trustee

Signature: /s/ Warren Butler

Print Name: Warren Butler

Title: Director

Signature: /s/ Peter Beck

Print Name: Peter Beck

Title: Director

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PEEK STREET EQUATORIAL TRUSTEE LIMITED

Signature: /s/ Warren Butler

Print Name: Warren Butler

Title: Director

Signature: /s/ Peter Beck

Print Name: Peter Beck

Title: Director
