

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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# INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Saintil Merline	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY 8/25/2021		D/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  Rocket Lab USA, Inc. [RKLB]				
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O ROCKET LAB USA, INC., 3881 MCGOWEN STREET  (Street)  LONG BEACH, CA 90808  (City) (State) (Zip)	X Dir Offi 5. If Am	4. Relationship of Reporting Per  _X_ Director Officer (give title below)  5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(MM/DD/YYYY)  9/7/2021		son(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 10% Owner Other (specify below)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	Tabl	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  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)				direct Beneficial Ownership		
1. Title of Derivate Security	2. Date Exer and Expiration (MM/DD/YYYY) Date	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Section Date (In Installate Expiration Tit		Owned (e.g., puts, calls, wa  B. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security Instr. 4)  Title Amount or		ns, convertible s ion 5. Ownershi e Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) of Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units  Earnout Rights (restricted stock units)	(1)	(1) (2)	Common Stock Common Stock	Number of Shares 362386 29284	(1)	(Instr. 5)  D  D		

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock. The RSUs are subject to time-based vesting conditions, with one-third of the RSUs vesting on August 22, 2022 and the remaining two-thirds of the RSUs vesting in eight substantially equal quarterly installments on each November 22nd, March 1st, May 22nd and August 22nd thereafter, subject, in each case, to the reporting person's continued service to the issuer. The RSUs are also subject to liquidity-based vesting conditions, which will be satisfied upon the first to occur of (i) a sale event with respect to the issuer or (ii) the issuer's initial public offering, in either case, prior to the expiration date of June 3, 2028. The time-based vesting schedule for these RSUs was incorrectly described in the reporting person's original Form 3.
- (2) Each earnout right represents a contingent right (based on the reporting person's ownership of RSUs) 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 earnout rights vest, the reporting person's RSUs will be adjusted to relate to an additional number of shares of the issuer's common stock equal to the number of earnout rights that vest. If the target closing stock price is not achieved during such period, the earnout rights will be forfeited.

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Saintil Merline 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 Merline Saintil

9/14/2021

\*\*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).

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