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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Ludwig Jeffrey G. | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Midland States Bancorp, Inc. [MSBI] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1201 NETWORK CENTRE DR. | | | | | | Date of /29/20 | | est Tra | nsaction | (Mont | th/Day/Year) | | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President | | | | | |
| (Street) EFFINGHAM IL 62401 | | | _ 4. I _ | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | | (Zip) | D | 4: | . 0 | | 4 | | | : - - - - - - - - - | - f D | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Deriv 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | tion | on 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 18) | | (A) or | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Foll | | Form (D) o | : Direct II r Indirect E str. 4) C | . Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transact | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (| Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | | | 06/29/2018 | | 3 | | A | | 120.243 | A | \$34.26 | 135,0 | 28.727 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 11,5 | 11,569 ⁽²⁾ | | | Q Properties | | |
| | | T | Table II | | | | | | | | posed of converti | | | / Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. 3. Transaction Date Office of Derivative Security | | if any | emed ion Date, /Day/Year) | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$18.16 | | | | | | | | (3) | | 12/06/2020 | Common Stock | 16,790 | | 16,790 | | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$16 | | | | | | | | (4) | | 12/13/2022 | Common Stock | 8,075 | | 8,075 | | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$23 | | | | | | | | (5) | | 11/03/2025 | Common Stock | 16,800 | | 16,800 | | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$16.59 | | | | | | | | (6) | | 12/10/2023 | Common Stock | 9,482 | | 9,482 | | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$15.2 | | | | | | | | (7) | | 12/31/2019 | Common Stock | 15,000 | | 15,00 | 00 | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$21 | | | | | | | | (8) | | 12/02/2024 | Common Stock | 12,753 | | 12,75 | 53 | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$11.75 | | | | | | | | (9) | | 06/22/2019 | Common Stock | 18,190 | | 18,19 | 90 | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$14.75 | | | | | | | | (10) | | 12/16/2021 | Common Stock | 8,356 | | 8,350 | 6 | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$18 | | | | | | | | (11) | | 08/05/2024 | Common Stock | 60,000 | | 60,00 | 00 | D | |
| Option (right to | \$28.59 | | | | | | | | (12) | | 11/16/2026 | Common Stock | 8,383 | | 8,383 | 3 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

^{1.} Represents shares acquired by the reporting person in the ESPP pursuant to the reinvestment of dividends received during the quarter on shares held in the ESPP by the reporting person at the time such dividend was paid based upon the closing price of the underlying shares on the last day of the quarter.

^{2.} The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose

- 3. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 12/06/2010 date of grant.
- 4. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 12/13/2012 date of grant.
- $5. \ These \ options \ vest \ in \ four \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ one \ year \ after \ the \ 11/03/2015 \ date \ of \ grant.$
- 6. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 12/10/2013 date of grant.
- 7. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 12/31/2009 date of grant.
- 8. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 12/02/2014 date of grant.
- 9. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 06/22/2009 date of grant.
- 10. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 12/16/2011 date of grant.
- $11. \ Such options \ will \ vest \ on \ 12/31/2017 \ if \ specific \ performance \ metrics \ are \ satisfied, as \ determined \ by \ the \ Board \ of \ Directors.$
- 12. These options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year after the 11/16/2016 date of grant.

Remarks:

/s/ Ludwig Jeffrey G 07/03/2018 /s/ Douglas J. Tucker, attorneyin-fact 07/03/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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