

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP

Form 4

December 10, 2013

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HATHORN SAMUEL C

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP
[FIZZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
8100 SW 10TH STREET, SUITE
4000

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/06/2013

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

PLANTATION, FL 33324

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 (D) Price			

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
KEEP STOCK OPTION	\$ 10.26 (1)	12/06/2013	A		745 (1)		12/06/2019	12/05/2023	COMMON STOCK	745

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HATHORN SAMUEL C 8100 SW 10TH STREET SUITE 4000 PLANTATION, FL 33324	X

Signatures

/s/ Samuel C.
Hathorn, Jr. 12/10/2013

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

- Under the company's Key Employee Equity Program ("KEEP") participants receive a grant equal to 50% of the number of shares of the company's common stock purchased on the open market. KEEP options are granted at an initial exercise price of 60% of the purchase price of the shares acquired and such price is reduced to the par value of the common stock over a 6 year vesting period. As a result of an open market purchase made by Mr. Hathorn on September 16, 2013, he was granted KEEP options on December 6, 2013. Reference is made to Exhibit 10.8 of the company's 10-k for the year ended April 27, 2013.

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