

NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â THOMPSON DENNIS L		(Month/Day/Year)	NATIONAL BEVERAGE CORP [FIZZ]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/25/2014	
8100 SW 10TH STREET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
PLANTATION,Â FLÂ 33324			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			EVP - Shasta Beverages, Inc.	

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	3,000	D	Â

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I)	
						(Instr. 5)	
SPECIAL STOCK OPTION	03/28/2017 ⁽¹⁾	07/28/2020	COMMON STOCK	6,500	\$ 11.35 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON DENNIS L 8100 SW 10TH STREET PLANTATION, FL 33324	Â	Â	Â EVP - Shasta Beverages, Inc.	Â

Signatures

/s/ Dennis L.
Thompson

09/04/2014

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).

Options granted under the Company's Special Stock Option Plan vest over an eight year period in relatively equal amounts at approximately 16 month intervals. The exercise price can be reduced and the vesting schedule can be accelerated by the optionee purchasing and maintaining ownership of shares of common stock and/or the Company achieving performance objectives as determined by the Board of Directors (the "Board"). Based upon the maximum required ownership of common stock as provided in the Stock Option Agreement, together with the Company achieving the performance targets previously established by the Board, the option can fully vest after approximately 64 months and the exercise price can be reduced to near the par value of the common stock (\$.01 per share). Reference is made to Exhibit 10.6 of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended May 3, 2014.

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