Hilltop Holdings Inc. Form 4 February 29, 2016

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORD JEREMY B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			Hilltop Holdings Inc. [HTH]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	· ·			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330			02/26/2016	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specifically)			
				President & CEO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
DALLAS, T	X 75201			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Se	curition	es Acqu	ured, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securitie	s Acqu	iired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n(A) or Disp	osed o	of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)	any		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/26/2016		M	500,000	A	\$ 7.7	670,109	D	

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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, and		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.7	02/26/2016		M		500,000	<u>(1)</u>	11/02/2016	Common Stock	500,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FORD JEREMY B 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1330 DALLAS, TX 75201	X		President & CEO				

Signatures

/s/ JEREMY B.
FORD

**Signature of Reporting Person

O2/29/2016

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).
- (1) This stock option vested in five equal installments on each of November 2, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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