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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* McCombs Jeff | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UPWORK, INC [UPWK] | | | | | | | | neck all app Direc | • | ng Pers | son(s) to Iss 10% Ov Other (s | vner | |
| | WORK INC | 2., | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2021 | | | | | | | | ^ belo | | ncial | below) | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| 475 BRANNAN STREET, SUITE 430 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) SAN FRANCI | sco C. | A ! | 94107 | | 4. II | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable le) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - No | on-Deriv | vative | Sec | uriti | ies Ac | quired | l, Di | sposed o | of, or Be | neficia | lly Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | Execution y/Year) if any | | A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Disposed (| | ies Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (111311.4) |
| Common Stock 05/18/3 | | | /2021 | 2021 | | | | | 1,471 | A | (1) | 2 | ,647(2) | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 05/18/20 | | | /2021 | 2021 | | | S ⁽³⁾ | | 525 | D | \$40.32 | 2(4) | 2,122 | ,122 | | | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | | | 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) | | e s lly | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | ıble | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units (RSU) | (1) | 05/18/2021 | | | M | | | 1,471 | (5) | | (5) | Common Stock | 1,471 | \$0.00 | 22,07 | 8 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ Each \ restricted \ stock \ unit \ ("RSU") \ represents \ a \ contingent \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ share \ of \ the \ Issuer's \ common \ stock.$
- $2.\ Includes\ 1,\!176\ shares\ acquired\ under\ the\ Issuer's\ employee\ stock\ purchase\ plan\ on\ May\ 14,\ 2021.$
- 3. Represents the number of shares required to be sold by the Reporting Person to cover tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the RSUs listed in Table II. This sale is mandated by the Issuer's election under its equity incentive plans to require the satisfaction of tax withholding obligations to be funded by a "sell to cover" transaction and does not represent a discretionary trade by the Reporting Person.
- 4. The reported price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$40.10 to \$40.90 per share, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon written request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- 5. The RSUs vest in equal quarterly installments over four years beginning on May 18, 2021, subject to the continuing employment of the Reporting Person with the Issuer on each vesting date.

Remarks:

/s/ Jacob McQuown, Attorneyin-Fact

05/20/2021

** 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 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).

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