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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>KIRLIN PETER S</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>15 SECOR ROAD</u>  (Street) <u>BROOKFIELD CT 06804</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PHOTRONICS INC [ PLAB ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/02/2018</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/27/2017		J	V	3,797 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$7.57 <sup>(2)</sup>	147,495	D	
Common Stock	01/02/2018		A		60,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$0	207,495	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2018		S		2,500 <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	D	\$8.6	204,995	D	

**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)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		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 Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$8.6	01/02/2018		A		15,000		<sup>(6)</sup>	01/02/2028	Common Stock	15,000	\$8.6	15,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents 3,797 shares of Photronics, Inc. common stock purchased under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- The purchase price of the shares pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan is 85% of the fair market value (the "Closing Price") of the common stock of the Company on the purchase date of the applicable purchase period as defined in the offering plan documents.
- 25% of the restricted stock awards granted will vest on each anniversary date of the grant over 4 years.
- The sale reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Kirlin.
- Net proceeds of sale to offset a tax liability from restricted stock vesting
- 25% of the stock options granted will vest on each anniversary date of the grant over 4 years.

/s/ Richelle E. Burr, Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Kirlin      01/04/2018

\*\* 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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