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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>RUSH WILLIAM M RUSTY</b> |         |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>RUSH ENTERPRISES INC \TX [ RUSH ]</b> |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><b>CEO and President</b> |  |  |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>03/01/2016</b>                   |  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>555 IH 35 SOUTH, SUITE 500</b>  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                                |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |  |
| (Street)<br><b>NEW BRAUNFELS TX 78130</b>                                |         |          |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| (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  | (A) or (D) | Price                    |   |  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/01/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 25,000  | A          | \$12.913                 | 107,061   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/01/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 25,000  | D          | \$17.9915 <sup>(1)</sup> | 82,061  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/02/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 20,000  | A          | \$12.913                 | 102,061   | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 03/02/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 20,000  | D          | \$18.2862 <sup>(2)</sup> | 82,061  | D  |   |
| Class A Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                          | 1,486.4293  | I  | By 3MR Partners, L.P.                                 |
| Class B Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                          | 222,007 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Class B Common Stock            |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                          | 1,623,635.5393  | I  | By 3MR Partners, L.P.                                 |

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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)    | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Option (right to buy)                      | \$12.913   | 03/01/2016                           |  | M                              |   |  | 25,000 | (4)  | 03/15/2016      | Class A Common Stock  | 25,000                                     | \$0  | 20,000  | D  |       |
| Option (right to buy)                      | \$12.913   | 03/02/2016                           |  | M                              |   |  | 20,000 | (4)  | 03/15/2016      | Class A Common Stock  | 20,000                                     | \$0  | 0   | D  |       |

Explanation of Responses:

- This price is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.90 to \$18.09. The reporting person undertakes to provide Rush Enterprises, Inc., any security holder of Rush Enterprises, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This price is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$18.20 to \$18.47. The reporting person undertakes to provide Rush Enterprises, Inc., any security holder of Rush Enterprises, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Includes unvested restricted stock units.
- Options may be exercised in increments of 1/3 on each anniversary of the grant date beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date. The grant date is ten years prior to the expiration date.

Steven L. Keller, Attorney in  
Fact for William M. Rusty 03/03/2016  
Rush

\*\* 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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