

Schlitz Lei Zhang
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Schlitz Lei Zhang

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC
[ITW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
155 HARLEM AVE.

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/15/2019

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

GLENVIEW, IL 60025

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2019 | | M | 2,993 A \$ 0 | 4,940 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/15/2019 | | F | 905 D \$ 138.64 | 4,035 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,200 | I | SEE FOOTNOTE (1) |

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)

| 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 78.59 | | | | | | 02/14/2015 | 02/14/2024 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 91.88 | | | | | | 02/12/2017 ⁽²⁾ | 02/12/2026 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 63.25 | | | | | | 02/15/2014 | 02/15/2023 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 98.26 | | | | | | 02/13/2016 | 02/13/2025 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 128 | | | | | | 02/10/2018 ⁽²⁾ | 02/10/2027 | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 163.36 | | | | | | 02/15/2019 ⁽²⁾ | 02/15/2028 | Common Stock |
| Performance Restricted Stock Unit (granted 2/12/2016) ⁽³⁾ | \$ 0 | 02/15/2019 | | M | | 2,993 | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock |
| Performance Share Units (granted 2/10/17) ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ | ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock |
| Performance Share Units (granted 2/15/18) ⁽³⁾ ⁽⁵⁾ | \$ 0 | | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ | ⁽⁶⁾ | Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 144.21 | 02/15/2019 | | A | 16,006 | | 02/15/2020 ⁽²⁾ | 02/15/2029 | Common Stock |
| | \$ 0 | 02/15/2019 | | A | 1,906 | | ⁽⁶⁾ | ⁽⁶⁾ | |

Performance
Share Units
(granted
2/15/19) ⁽³⁾
(5)

Common
Stock

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Schlitz Lei Zhang 155 HARLEM AVE. GLENVIEW, IL 60025 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Lei Zhang Schlitz, by Janet O. Love, Deputy General Counsel & Assistant Secretary,
Attorney-In-Fact on File

02/20/2019

__Signature of Reporting Person

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) Shares of common stock allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan--Information reported as of February 15, 2019.
- (2) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (3) Each performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) and performance share unit (PSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) The PRSU award became vested and payable on February 15, 2019.
- (5) PSUs accrue dividends in shares of common stock, subject to fulfillment of vesting period and performance goals; the PSUs shown include dividend equivalents, if any, accrued to date.
- (6) Each PSU vests 100% three years from date of grant if performance goals are met.

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