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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>EARLY CREIGHTON K</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>2401 E. KATELLA AVE</u> <u>SUITE 300</u>  (Street) <u>ANAHEIM CA 92806</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>Willdan Group, Inc. [ WLDN ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EXECUTIVE VP AND CFO</u>
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>03/16/2026</u>	
	<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>	<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <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	03/16/2026		A		4,158 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	81,049 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2026		F		2,356 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	\$78.61	78,693 <sup>(2)</sup>	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					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents performance-based restricted stock units previously granted to the Reporting Person by the Issuer on March 17, 2025. The performance conditions applicable to the award were determined to have been satisfied by the Issuer's Compensation Committee effective on March 16, 2026, resulting in the immediate vesting of the restricted stock units as to 4,158 shares of Common Stock.
- Includes (i) 5,625 shares of restricted stock units that vest in three substantially equal installments on each of March 3, 2027, March 3, 2028 and March 3, 2029, (ii) 4,620 shares of restricted stock units that vest in three substantially equal installments on each of March 17, 2026, March 17, 2027 and March 17, 2028, and (iii) 2,800 shares of restricted stock units that vest in two substantially equal installments on each of March 20, 2026 and March 20, 2027, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Issuer through the applicable vesting date.
- Represents shares of the Issuer's Common Stock withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of the performance-based restricted stock units referenced in footnote (1).

/s/ Creighton K. Early 03/17/2026  
 \*\* 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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