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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>EARLY CREIGHTON K</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 2401 E. KATELLA AVE SUITE 300  (Street) ANAHEIM CA 92806  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Willdan Group, Inc. [ WLDN ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <b>EXECUTIVE VP AND CFO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/07/2024	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

**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	08/07/2024		M		10,000	A	\$9.08	78,342 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/07/2024		S		9,804	D	\$36.44 <sup>(3)</sup>	68,538 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/07/2024		S		196	D	\$37.15 <sup>(4)</sup>	68,342 <sup>(1)(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						Title
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$9.08	08/07/2024		M			10,000	12/07/2016 <sup>(5)</sup>	12/07/2025	Common Stock	10,000	\$0	6,039	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Includes (i) 4,200 shares of restricted stock units that vest in three substantially equal installments on each of March 20, 2025, March 20, 2026 and March 20, 2027 and (ii) 15,200 shares of restricted stock that vest in two substantially equal installments on each of March 7, 2025 and March 7, 2026, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Issuer through the applicable vesting date.
- Includes 659 shares of Common Stock purchased under the Amended and Restated Willdan Group, Inc. 2006 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on June 30, 2024.
- The price reported in Column 4 is the weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$36.00 to \$36.97, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Willdan Group, Inc., any security holder of Willdan Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is the weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.00 to \$37.30, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Willdan Group, Inc., any security holder of Willdan Group, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- Stock options granted under the Willdan Group, Inc. Amended and Restated 2008 Performance Incentive Plan, which vested in three equal installments on each of December 7, 2016, December 7, 2017 and December 7, 2018.

/s/ Creighton K. Early 08/08/2024  
 \*\* 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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