

GWG Holdings, Inc.
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Sabes Jon

(Last) (First) (Middle)

220 SOUTH SIXTH STREET,
SUITE 1200

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GWG Holdings, Inc. [GWGH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/10/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | | | | | 1,290,819 | D | |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | | | | | 743,840 | I | By Trusts (1) |
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | | | | | 102,191 | I | By family members who reside in the |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock, \$.001 par value | 100,000 | I | Reporting Person's household By Insurance Strategies Fund, LLC <u>(2)</u> |
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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 9.47 | 11/10/2016 | | A | 162,500 | <u>(3)</u> 11/09/2021 | Common Stock 162,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sabes Jon 220 SOUTH SIXTH STREET, SUITE 1200 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402 | X | X | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

William Acheson as attorney-in-fact for Jon R. Sabes
11/14/2016

 **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) Held by certain trusts, of which the Reporting Person is a beneficiary.

(2) A Delaware limited liability company managed by ISF Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, of which the Reporting Person is a manager. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Insurance Strategies Fund, LLC, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all the reported shares for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(3) Purchase rights under the 162,500 share option vest as follows: 13,541 shares vest immediately, and the remainder vest quarterly over a three year period. The reported grant is part of a larger grant that included a second and separate 162,500 share option that vests upon the satisfaction of certain performance-based criteria. The performance-based option will not be reported under Section 16 until the vesting criteria have been satisfied.

Remarks:

Power of attorney filed on 9/19/2014.

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