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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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

| Transaction and reduced or reporting release | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Hostess Brands, Inc. [TWNK] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|--|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| (Last) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2023 | X | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | |
| C/O HOSTESS BRANDS, INC. | | | | | See Remarks | | | | |
| 7905 QUIVIRA ROAD | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (Street) LENEXA | KS | 66215 | | | Form filed by More than 0 | ĭ I | | | |
| | | 00213 | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | ion Date, Transaction Code (Instr. | | | | | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|--|--|------------------------------------|---|--------|---------------|---------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share | 03/31/2023 | A ⁽¹⁾ | V | 243 | A | \$19.75 | 53,081 | 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 | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Ir | ransaction Derivative ode (Instr. Securities | | Expiration Da (Month/Day/\) | 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) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares purchased pursuant to the Hostess Brands, Inc. 2022 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"), for the ESPP purchase period of October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. In accordance with the ESPP, these shares were purchased at a price equal to 85% of the lower of the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on September 30, 2022, the last trading day before the purchase period (since the purchase period began on a non-trading day), or March 31, 2023, the last trading day of the purchase period.

Remarks:

Senior Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer

/s/ Jolyn J Sebree, Attorney-in-Fact 04/18/2023

<u>Fact</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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^{*} 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).