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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Purcell Brian T</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HOSTESS BRANDS, INC. 7905 QUIVIRA ROAD (Street) LENEXA KS 66215 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Hostess Brands, Inc. [TWNK]</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) See Remarks |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2021 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | 01/15/2021 | | A | | 28,070 | A | \$0.00 | 28,070 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽²⁾ | 01/15/2021 | | A | | 4,511 | A | \$0.00 | 4,511 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽³⁾ | | | | | | | | 33,948 | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Consists of a grant of restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of Class A Common Stock. These restricted stock units will vest in equal or nearly equal installments on January 15 of each of 2022, 2023 and 2024, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.
- Consists of a grant of restricted stock units awarded to the reporting person to rectify an administrative issue in the grant received on January 21, 2020, where the grant value originally received was lower than the intended value thereof. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive, upon vesting, one share of Class A Common Stock. These restricted stock units will vest in equal or nearly equal installments on January 15 of each of 2022 and 2023, assuming continued employment through the applicable vesting date.
- Consists of previously disclosed restricted stock units that remain subject to time-based vesting criteria.

Remarks:

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

/s/ Jolyn J. Sebree, Attorney-in-Fact 01/20/2021

** 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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