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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>MINICK RUSSELL S</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O GENERAC HOLDINGS INC.</u> <u>P.O. BOX 8</u> (Street) <u>WAUKESHA WI 53189</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GENERAC HOLDINGS INC. [GNRC]</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) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/24/2012</u>	
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, par value \$0.01 per share	02/24/2012		A		4,872 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	17,467	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	02/24/2012		A		14,616 ⁽²⁾	A	\$0	32,083	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					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$26.94	02/24/2012		A		21,731		(3)	02/24/2022	Common Stock	\$0	21,731	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Subject to Mr. Minick's continued service through the vesting date, the Restricted Shares shall all vest in equal installments on each of the first three (3) anniversaries of the Date of Grant.
- Subject to Mr. Minick's continued service through the vesting date (i) fifty (50) percent of the Restricted Shares shall vest on the fourth (4th) anniversary of the Date of Grant and (ii) fifty (50) percent of the Restricted Shares shall vest on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the Date of Grant. However, subject to Mr. Minick's continued service through the vesting date, if, within the three (3) year period following the Date of Grant, certain performance metrics are attained, all of the Restricted Shares shall vest on the third (3rd) anniversary of the Date of Grant.
- Options shall vest in equal installments on each of the first four (4) anniversaries of the Date of Grant.

Remarks:

/s/York Ragen, Attorney-in-fact 02/28/2012

** 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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