ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MINICUCCI BENITO Issuer Symbol ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. (Check all applicable) [ALK] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD 05/12/2016 PRES & COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SEATTLE, WA 98188 Person

(City)	(State) (Zi	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea		3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) of d of (E) 4 and (A) or)) 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)	
STOCK							59,454	D		
RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT	05/12/2016		A(2)	260	A	\$ 0	19,130	D		

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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

MINICUCCI BENITO 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

PRES & COO

Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BENITO **MINICUCCI**

05/16/2016

**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).
- STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER ALASKA AIR GROUP'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; SUBJECT TO (1) FORFEITURE.
- STOCK UNITS AWARDED UNDER THE ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC. 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN ON **(2)** 05/12/2016 WILL CLIFF VEST ON 05/12/2019. UNITS ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

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