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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Emerson John Steven | Statem (Monti | ent h/Day/Year | | ~ | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Coda Octopus Group, Inc. [COGI] | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1522 ENSLEY AVENUE | 04/18/2017 | | | 4. Relationsh Person(s) to I | ssuer | ier | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| (Street) LOS ANGELES, CA 90024 | | | | (Check Director Officer (give title below) | veOthe | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | Ben | Amount of Securities eneficially Owned astr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direc (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Owne | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| Common Stock | | | 5,102 | | D | | | | |
| Common Stock | | 138 | 138,776 | | I | By J | By J. Steven Emerson IRA R/O II | | |
| Common Stock | | 126 | 126,685 | | I | By J | By J. Steven Emerson Roth IRA | | |
| Common Stock | | 49, | 49,328 (1) | | I | By E | By Brian Emerson IRA | | |
| Common Stock | | 329 | 329,569 <u>(1)</u> | | I | By E | By Emerson Partners | | |
| Common Stock | | 8,2 | 8,286 (1) | | I | By J | By Jill Meadows IRA | | |
| Common Stock | | 8,2 | 8,286 <u>(1)</u> | | I | By A | By Alleghany Meadows IRA | | |
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| (Instr. 4) | nd Expirati | Date Exercisable d Expiration Date onth/Day/Year) | | le and Amount of rities Underlying rative Security (. 4) | Conversion Exercipates of | ise Fo | rm of crivative | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| | Date Exercisable | te Expiration ercisable Date | | Amount or Numb of Shares | Derivativ Security | Di or (I) | curity: rect (D) Indirect | | |
| Reporting Owners | | | | | | | | | |

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Emerson John Steven | | | | | | |
| 1522 ENSLEY AVENUE | | X | | | | |
| LOS ANGELES, CA 90024 | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ J. Steven Emerson | | 04/18/2017 | | |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|--|--|
| **Signature of Reporting Person | | Date | | |

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