TORCHMARK CORP

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITH LAMAR C

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TORCHMARK CORP [TMK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/23/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

FORT WORTH, TX 76107

1814 WESTOVER SQUARE

(City)	(State)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	` ′	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)
Common Stock	12/23/2015		M	13,500	A	\$ 19.9512	81,363	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2015		S	13,500	D	\$ 56.7963 (1) (2)	67,863	D	
Common Stock							0	I	None

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)

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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.9512 (<u>3)</u>	12/23/2015		M		13,500 (3)	07/02/2009	01/02/2016	Common Stock	13,500 (3)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Topolonia o milo i milo i ilunio o	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SMITH LAMAR C 1814 WESTOVER SQUARE FORT WORTH, TX 76107	X						

Signatures

Lamar C. Smith, By:/s/Carol A. McCoy, Attorney-in-fact

**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).
- (1) Sales at prices ranging from \$56.70 per share to \$56.87 per share.
- (2) Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
- (3) Previously reported as option for 6,000 shares at an exercise price of \$44.89 per share, but has been adjusted to reflect 3-for-2 stock splits paid in the form of 50% stock dividends occuring on July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2014.

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