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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Form 3 Holdings Reported
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Cosman Jeffrey Scott (Last) (First) (Middle) 12540 BROADWELL ROAD, SUITE 2104 (Street) MILTON, GA 30004 (City) (State) (Zip) | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Meridian Waste Solutions, Inc. [MRDN] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO, Chairman | |
| 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016 | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|---|
| | | | | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.025 per share (1) | 10/13/2016 | | J(2) | 104,991 (2) | A | \$ 0 | 500,580 (3) | D | |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cosman Jeffrey Scott 12540 BROADWELL ROAD SUITE 2104 MILTON, GA 30004 | X | X | CEO, Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey Cosman 02/01/2017
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) Effective November 3, 2016, the Issuer completed a 1-for-20 reverse stock split. All share amounts contained herein reflect such reverse stock split. Effective November 30, 2016, pursuant to approval by FINRA, Here To Serve Holding Corporation (?Here To Serve?), a Delaware corporation that owned 166,140 shares of the common stock of the Issuer, completed the distribution of all such shares to its shareholders on a pro rata basis as of October 13, 2016. Accordingly, Mr. Cosman received 104,991 shares of the Issuer's common stock based on, and in proportion to, his ownership of common stock of Here To Serve. Mr. Cosman is the Chief Executive Officer and sole director of Here To Serve and, accordingly, until the date of (2) such dividend, Mr. Cosman had sole voting and dispositive power of such 166,140 shares of the common stock of the Issuer owned by Here To Serve. Based on Mr. Cosman's ownership interest in Here To Serve, prior to such distribution, he beneficially owned indirectly 104,991 shares of 166,140 shares of the Issuer's common stock owned by Here To Serve. Pursuant to Here To Serve's distribution of shares of common stock of the Issuer, Mr. Cosman received 104,991 shares of the Issuer's common stock based on, and in proportion to, his ownership of common stock of Here To Serve, beneficially owning such shares directly.
- (3) This amount is comprised of (i) 499,020 shares of common stock owned directly by Mr. Cosman and (ii) 1,560 shares owned by Rush the Puck, LLC, a limited liability company in which Mr. Cosman is the majority member.

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