

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Carter David M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 10680 TREENA STREET, SUITE 600 (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92131 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>KRATOS DEFENSE & SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. [KTOS]</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) President, DRSS Division |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2026 | |
| 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 | 01/03/2026 | | M | | 3,000 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$0 | 88,809 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2026 | | F | | 1,465 ⁽⁸⁾ | D | \$79.29 | 87,344 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2026 | | M | | 3,000 ⁽⁴⁾ | A | \$0 | 90,344 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2026 | | F | | 1,353 ⁽⁸⁾ | D | \$79.29 | 88,991 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2026 | | M | | 3,000 ⁽⁵⁾ | A | \$0 | 91,991 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2026 | | F | | 1,353 ⁽⁸⁾ | D | \$79.29 | 90,638 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2026 | | M | | 3,000 ⁽⁶⁾ | A | \$0 | 93,638 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2026 | | F | | 1,353 ⁽⁸⁾ | D | \$79.29 | 92,285 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2026 | | M | | 3,000 ⁽⁷⁾ | A | \$0 | 95,285 ⁽⁹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/04/2026 | | F | | 1,353 ⁽⁸⁾ | D | \$79.29 | 93,932 ⁽⁹⁾ | 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/03/2026 | | A | | 25,000 | | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 25,000 | \$0 | 25,000 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/03/2026 | | M | | 3,000 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$0 | 3,000 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/03/2026 | | M | | 3,000 | | (4) | (4) | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$0 | 6,000 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/03/2026 | | M | | 3,000 | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$0 | 12,000 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/04/2026 | | M | | 3,000 | | (6) | (6) | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$0 | 0 | D | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 01/04/2026 | | M | | 3,000 | | (7) | (7) | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$0 | 9,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Each restricted stock unit (RSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer's common stock.
- RSUs vest ratably on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant, unless earlier vested or terminated pursuant to the terms of the RSU agreement.
- RSUs were granted and previously reported on a Form 4 filed January 5, 2022, where 15,000 RSUs vest ratably on each of the first five anniversaries of the January 3, 2022 date of grant.

4. RSUs were granted and previously reported on a Form 4 filed January 5, 2023, where 15,000 RSUs vest ratably on each of the first five anniversaries of the January 3, 2023 date of grant.
5. RSUs were granted and previously reported on a Form 4 filed January 7, 2025, where 15,000 RSUs vest ratably on each of the first five anniversaries of the January 3, 2025 date of grant.
6. RSUs were granted and previously reported on a Form 4 filed January 5, 2021, where 15,000 RSUs vest ratably on each of the first five anniversaries of the January 4, 2021 date of grant.
7. RSUs were granted and previously reported on a Form 4 filed January 5, 2024, where 15,000 RSUs vest ratably on each of the first five anniversaries of the January 4, 2024 date of grant.
8. Shares withheld in a net transaction to satisfy the tax liability, in accordance with Issuer's trading policies, in connection with shares vested as reported in this Form 4.
9. Includes 12,200 shares purchased through Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan and 4,165 shares held through reporting person's retirement account.

David M. Carter, by Eva Yee,
Attorney-In-Fact 01/06/2026

** 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).

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