FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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affirmative defer 10b5-1(c). See I	nse conditions of Rule nstruction 10.							
Name and Address of Reporting Person*     DIVITO VINCENT L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aqua Metals, Inc. [ AQMS ]	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)      Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2023	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
5370 KIETZKE LN SUITE 201			If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(Street)		00.44						
RENO (City)	NV (State)	89511 (Zip)						
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### 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount (A) or (D) Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/12/2023		A		19,608(1)	A	\$0	359,198(2)	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		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			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	Form: Direct (D)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Fully vested stock grant of 19,608 shares related to Vinny DiVito's promotion to Chairman of the Board. The shares were issued under the Company's 2019 Stock Incentive Plan.
- $2.\ Includes\ 51,136\ shares\ underlying\ restricted\ stock\ units\ ("RSUs")\ that\ are\ not\ yet\ vested\ and\ deliverable.$

/s/ Judd Merrill, by power of attorney

12/14/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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