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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Find of Type Responses)											
1. Name and Address of F Zhang Peifang	2. Issuer Name <b>an</b> Aqua Metals, In			ng Symbo	01	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner					
(Last) 2500 PERU DR	(First)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2021						Officer (give title below) Officer Officer (give title below)	ther (specify belo	ow)
SPARKS, NV 89437	4. If Amendment, Date 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				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
(Instr. 3) Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				6. Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			(wonus Day Tear)	Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	•

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)															
	Conversion			Code	tion )	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial		
				Code	v	(A)		Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4) (Ir	(Instr. 4)	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	05/03/2021		А		17,422 <u>(1)</u>		(1)	<u>(1)</u>	Common Shares	17,422	\$ 0	21,011 ( <u>2</u> )	D	

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Zhang Peifang 2500 PERU DR SPARKS, NV 89437	Х						

## Signatures

/s/ Judd Merrill, by power of attorney	05/05/2021
**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) Represents 17,422 shares underlying restricted stock units ("RSUs") that are not yet vested and deliverable. The RSUs will vest and be settled in twelve equal monthly installments over a one year period. Each RSU shall entitle its holder to receive one Common Stock of the issuer.
- (2) Includes 21,011 RSUs.

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#### LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these present, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Judd Merrill as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

(1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Aqua Metals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");

(2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and

(3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

(1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;

(2) any documents prepared and/or executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;

(3) neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 3rd day of March 2021.

/S/ Peifang Zhang Signature

Peifang Zhang Print Name