

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Siade Gustavo</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EL POLLO LOCO HOLDINGS, INC.</u> <u>3535 HARBOR BOULEVARD, SUITE 100</u>  (Street) <u>COSTA MESA CA 92626</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>El Pollo Loco Holdings, Inc. [ LOCO ]</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) <u>VP, Operations</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>11/15/2016</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (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**

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			

**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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$15	11/15/2016		A <sup>(1)</sup>		6,860		11/15/2016	07/24/2024	Common Stock	6,860	\$0.00	41,161	D	
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$15	11/15/2016		A <sup>(2)</sup>		6,860		12/28/2016	07/24/2024	Common Stock	6,860	\$0.00	48,021	D	
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$15	11/15/2016		A <sup>(3)</sup>		6,860		12/27/2017	07/24/2024	Common Stock	6,860	\$0.00	54,881	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These Stock Options were originally granted on July 24, 2014, vesting subject to performance criteria. On November 15, 2016, the compensation committee of the issuer modified them to time-based vesting, vesting as of November 15, 2016.
- These Stock Options were originally granted on July 24, 2014, vesting subject to performance criteria. On November 15, 2016, the compensation committee of the issuer modified them to time-based vesting, vesting as of December 28, 2016.
- These Stock Options were originally granted on July 24, 2014, vesting subject to performance criteria. On November 15, 2016, the compensation committee of the issuer modified them to time-based vesting, vesting as of December 27, 2017.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Edith R. Austin, as attorney-in-fact 04/20/2017

\*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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