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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rathbun Joel R.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>AVIENT CENTER</u> <u>33587 WALKER ROAD</u> (Street) <u>AVON LAKE OH 44012</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVIENT CORP [AVNT]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/17/2023</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 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>SVP, Mergers & Acquisitions</u> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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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) | 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| <u>Restricted Stock Units</u> | <u>(1)</u> | <u>02/17/2023</u> | | <u>A</u> | | <u>6,850</u> | | <u>02/17/2026</u> | <u>02/17/2026</u> | <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>6,850</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>6,850</u> | <u>D</u> | |
| <u>Stock Appreciation Rights</u> | <u>\$42.93</u> | <u>02/17/2023</u> | | <u>A</u> | | <u>23,250</u> | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>02/17/2033</u> | <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>23,250</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>23,250</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Avient common stock.
2. SARs become exercisable and vest only upon the achievement of both price and time requirements. To vest, each one-third of the grant must attain 10%, 15% and 20% stock appreciation, respectively (which must be maintained for a minimum of twenty consecutive trading days) from the grant date closing price of \$42.93 per share and no more than one-third of the grant can vest per year during the first three years.

/s/ Lisa K. Kunkle, Power of Attorney For: Joel R. Rathbun 02/21/2023

** 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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