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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Whitehair Chris

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

02/02/2018

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SunOpta Inc. [STKL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

7301 OHMS LANE SUITE 600

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

_X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP, Operations

Director

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

EDINA, MNÂ 55439

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

10% Owner

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise

Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Expiration Date

Amount or Title Number of Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Exercisable Date

Shares

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Whitehair Chris

7301 OHMS LANE SUITE 600 SVP, Operations EDINA, MNÂ 55439

Signatures

/s/ Jill Barnett, attorney-in-fact 02/12/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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Remarks:

EXHIBITÂ LIST

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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