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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>O'CONNELL DON</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>170 SOUTHPORT DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>MORRISVILLE NC 27560</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES &amp; COLVARD LTD [ CTHR ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;"><b>President and CEO</b></p>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/05/2022</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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			
Common Stock	09/05/2022		D		24,375 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$0.00	451,114	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2022		M		39,375	A	<sup>(2)</sup>	490,489	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2022		D		39,375	D	\$1.35	451,114	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	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
Phantom Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	09/05/2022		M			39,375	09/05/2022	09/05/2022	Common Stock	39,375	<sup>(2)</sup>	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Represents cancellation of 24,375 shares of performance-based restricted stock originally granted on September 15, 2021. These shares were cancelled because certain performance goals associated with the grant were not achieved at the target level.
- Each share of phantom stock was settled in cash for \$1.35 (the closing price of one share of common stock on 07/31/2022, the vesting date of the phantom stock pursuant to Charles & Colvard, Ltd's Fiscal 2022 Senior Management Equity Incentive Program (the "Plan")). An additional 13,125 shares of phantom stock were forfeited pursuant to the Plan because certain performance goals associated with the grant were not achieved at the target level.

/s/ Clint J. Pete, Attorney-In-Fact      09/07/2022

\*\* 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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