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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>Byam Rebecca</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O HCW BIOLOGICS INC</u> <u>2929 N. COMMERCE PARKWAY</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>MIRAMAR FL 33025</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HCW Biologics Inc. [HCWB]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ Chief Financial Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/19/2023</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	10/19/2023		M		47,249	A	\$0.14	621,195	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
Stock Option Grant (Right to Buy)	\$0.14	10/19/2023		M			47,249	(I)	12/19/2029	Common Stock	47,249	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These option shares were part of a stock option grant covering 135,000 shares of common stock. 20% of the total shares subject to the stock option grant vested on October 10, 2020; 20% of the total shares subject to the stock option grant vested on October 10, 2021; 25% of the total shares subject to the stock option grant vested on October 10, 2022; and 35% of the total shares subject to the stock option grant vested on October 10, 2023, subject to her continuous service through the applicable vesting date. The option is subject to additional vesting acceleration pursuant to her Employment Agreement.

Remarks:

/s/ Nicole Valdivieso, as
Attorney-in-Fact for Rebecca 10/23/2023
A. Byam

** 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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