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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)  1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Strulson Richard			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATURES SUNSHINE PRODUCTS INC [NATR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  Director  X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  EVP/Gen. Counsel/CCO					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2500 W EXECUTIVE PARKWAY #100			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017							EVP	Gen. Counse	1/00	
(Street) LEHI, UT 84043			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
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	Relationships				
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Strulson Richard 2500 W EXECUTIVE PARKWAY #100 LEHI, UT 84043			EVP/Gen. Counsel/CCO		

## **Signatures**

Richard D. Strulson	01/04/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
- (1) These shares are in the form of restricted stock units (RSUs). Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of NATR common stock. These RSUs vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 3, 2018.

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