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## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>B. Riley Financial, Inc.</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Arena Group Holdings, Inc. [ AREN ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)      Director X 10% Owner												
(Last) (First) (Middle)							of Earli 2023	iest Trans	saction (I	Month	n/Day/Yea		Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)														
11100 SANTA MONICA BLVD SUITE 800															5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person												
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Common	Stock, par	value \$0.01 per	share	08/10/2	023	(6)			С		15,1	80	A	\$0(6)	29,34	2	I	Pr In	v B. Riley incipal vestments, $C^{(1)(2)(3)}$								
Common	Stock, par	value \$0.01 per	share	08/10/2	023	(6)			С		119,3	370	A	\$0(6)	5,323,28	32 <sup>(7)</sup>	I	In	vestments, LC <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>								
Common	Stock, par	value \$0.01 per	share												1,588,6	42	<b>D</b> (4	4)									
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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares										
Series H Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$0.33	08/10/2023 <sup>(6)</sup>		С			110	08/19/2020	(5)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	15,180 <sup>(5)(6)</sup>	(6)	0(6)	I	By B. Riley Principal Investments LLC <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>						
Series H Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$0.33	08/10/2023 <sup>(6)</sup>		С			865	08/19/2021	(5)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	119,370(5)(6)	(6)	0(6)	I	By BRF Investments LLC <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>						
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*
<a href="mailto:BRF Investments">BRF Investments</a>, LLC

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1. Name and Address of Reporting  $\mathsf{Person}^{^\star}$ 

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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This Form 4 is filed jointly by B. Riley Financial, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BRF"), B. Riley Securities, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BRS"), B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("BRPI"), BRF Investments, LLC, a Delaware corporation ("BRFI"), and Bryant R. Riley.
- 2. BRF is the parent company of BRS, BRPI and BRFI. As a result, BRF may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the securities of The Arena Group Holdings, Inc. (the "Issuer") held of record by BRS, BRPI and BRFI. BRF expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities of the Issuer reported herein held indirectly except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Bryant R. Riley, as Chief Executive Officer of BRCM and Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of BRF, has voting power and dispositive power over the securities of the Issuer held of record by BRS, BRPI and BRFI. Bryant R. Riley may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the securities of the Issuer held of record by BRS, BRPI and BRFI. Bryant R. Riley expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities of the Issuer reported herein held indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 4. Represents shares held directly by Bryant R. Riley.
- 5. Subject to the conversion limitation described in the next sentence, the reported security is convertible into common stock of the Issuer at any time, and has no expiration date, but is subject to mandatory conversion on the fifth anniversary of the issuance date. The reported security is subject to a conversion limitation that prohibits the Issuer from effecting a conversion of the reported security into common stock if giving effect to the conversion would cause the holder to beneficially own (together with its affiliates or any "group" members) in excess of 4.99% of the common stock (or, upon notice by the holder, in excess of 9.99% of the common stock).
- 6. Pursuant to the Issuer's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and to the Securities Purchase Agreement, entered into by the Issuer and each Holder on or about August 8, 2018, the Reporting Person's shares of Series H Preferred Stock were converted into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock on August 10, 2023. The number of shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person received as a result of this mandatory conversation process reflected the reverse stock split of the Issuer's Common Stock effected by the Issuer in 2022 (i.e., 22 shares of Common Stock converts into 1 share of Common Stock).
- 7. Represents 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock previously held by BRS and subsequently transferred to BRFI.

B. Riley Financial, Inc., by: /s/

Bryant R. Riley, Co-Chief 08/22/2023

**Executive Officer** 

B. Riley Securities, Inc. by: /s/

Andrew Moore, Chief Executive 08/22/2023

<u>Officer</u>

B. Riley Principal Investments,

LLC by: /s/ Kenneth Young, 08/22/2023

Chief Executive Officer

BRF Investments, LLC., by: /s/

Phillip Ahn, Authorized 08/22/2023

<u>Signatory</u>

<u>/s/ Bryant R. Riley</u> <u>08/22/2023</u>

\*\* 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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