FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, | D.C. | 20549 | |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* B. Riley Financial, Inc. (Last) (First) (Middle) 11100 SANTA MONICA BLVD., SUITE 800 (Street) LOS ANGELES CA 90025 | | 2. Issuer Name an <u>Arena Group</u> | | | | 5 (0 | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner | | | | | | |
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| | | 3. Date of Earliest 06/21/2023 | Transact | ion (M | lonth/Day/Yea | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | | | |
| | | 4. If Amendment, D | ate of O | riginal | Filed (Month/ | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| | | Rule 10b5-1 | L(c) Tı | rans | action Ir | X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I | - Non-Derivat | ive Securities | Acqui | red, | Disposed | of, or | Benefici | ally Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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 | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 06/21/2023 | | P | | 13,424 | A | \$3.5 | 1,231,451 | I | By B. Riley Securities, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 06/22/2023 | | P | | 29,598 | A | \$3. 5 | 1,261,049 | I | By B. Riley Securities, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 06/23/2023 | | P | | 102,197 | A | \$3.6465 ⁽⁽ | 1,363,246 | I | By B. Riley Securities, Inc. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 06/23/2023 | | P | | 100,000 | A | \$3.6435 | 1,588,642 | D ⁽⁴⁾ | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 23,232 | I | By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Abigail Riley ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 25,809 | I | By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Charlie Riley ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 23,232 | I | By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Susan Riley ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 23,232 | I | By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Eloise Riley ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 4,203,912 | I | By BRF Investments, LLC ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | | 14,162 | I | By B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | | |

| 1. Title of | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 1. Title of 2. 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 4. 5. 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and 8. Price of 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transad Code (I | | 5. G. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | 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 | | | | | | | 08/19/2020 | (5) | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | (5) | | 110 | I | By B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| Series H Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | \$0.33 | | | | | | | 08/19/2021 | (5) | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | (5) | | 865 | I | By BRF Investments, LLC ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ |
| l | nd Address of y Financi | Reporting Person | * | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) 11100 S. SUITE 8 | ANTA MOI | (First) NICA BLVD., | (Middle) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | IGELES | CA | 90025 | | _ | | | | | | | | | | |

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| (Street) | GELES | CA | 90025 | |
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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. As a result, 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. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.49 to \$3.65, inclusive. The Filing Persons reporting person undertakes to provide to the Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.

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

Bryant R. Riley, Co-Chief 06/23/2023

Executive Officer

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

Andrew Moore, Chief 06/23/2023

Executive Officer

B. Riley Principal Investments,

LLC by: /s/ Kenneth Young, 06/23/2023

Chief Executive Officer

BRF Investments, LLC., by:

/s/ Phillip Ahn, Authorized 06/23/2023

<u>Signatory</u>

<u>/s/ Bryant R. Riley</u> 06/23/2023

** 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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