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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HAWKINS PHILIP L</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 6711 COLUMBIA GATEWAY DRIVE SUITE 300 (Street) COLUMBIA MD 21046 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>COPT DEFENSE PROPERTIES [CDP]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2026 | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Profit Interest Units | (1) | 05/14/2026 | | A | | 7,448 ⁽²⁾ | | (1)(3) | (4) | Common Shares | 7,448 | (5) | 38,988 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Each Profit Interest Unit will convert automatically into one share of beneficial interest, designated as a unit (an "OP Unit"), in COPT Defense Properties, L.P. when such Profit Interest Unit becomes vested and upon equalization of its capital account balance. OP Units are redeemable for cash, or, at the option of COPT Defense Properties, exchangeable for common shares of COPT Defense Properties, currently on a one-for-one basis.
- Consists of 3,803 shares received as the equity portion of compensation for his Board service and 3,645 shares received upon the election by the reporting person to receive common shares in lieu of cash for all or part of his annual retainer for Board service, consistent with a policy adopted by the Board with respect to the cash portion of compensation for Board service. By making such election, the reporting person received shares equal to the amount of cash compensation designated by the reporting person divided by the 15-day trailing average price of the common shares as of the grant date.
- The Profit Interest Units will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, provided that the reporting person remains a trustee on such date.
- The Profit Interest Units do not expire once vested.
- Received as compensation for Board service.

Remarks:

/s/ David L. Finch by Power of Attorney 05/18/2025
 ** 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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