FORM 4

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

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 10b5-1(c). See Ir                                  | nstruction 10. |          |  |   |
|--|----------------|----------|--|---|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Xu Derek |                | son*     | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Airship AI Holdings, Inc. [ AISP ] | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director X 10% Owner |
| (Last) C/O AIRSHIP                                 | (First)        | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/28/2024                    | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Operating Officer                            |
| 8210 154TH AV                                      | VE NE          |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                     |
| (Street) REDMOND                                   | WA             | 98052    |  | X 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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transac<br>Code (Ir<br>8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |       |                                 | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership        |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------|-------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
|                                 |  |   | Code                            | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) |   | (Instr. 4)                     |
| Common Stock                    |  |   |                                 |   |   |               |       | 8,438,905(1)                    | I   | See<br>footnote <sup>(2)</sup> |

## Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code (In<br>8) |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr. 3,<br>4 and 5) |     | ate                 | e Securities Underlying |                 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | Reported | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                                |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|-----|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---|----------|--|--|--------------------------------|
|   |   |  |   | Code                            | v | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date      | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares                    |          | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4)   |  |                                |
| Warrants <sup>(3)</sup>                             | \$1.77  |  |   |                                 |   |  |     | 12/21/2023          | 05/08/2027              | Common<br>Stock | 1,344,951   |          | 1,344,951  | D  |                                |
| Earnout Rights                                      | (4)   |  |   |                                 |   |  |     | (4)                 | (4)                     | Common<br>Stock | 1,875,312   |          | 1,875,312  | I  | See<br>footnote <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Earnout Rights                                      | (4)   |  |   |                                 |   |  |     | (4)                 | (4)                     | Common<br>Stock | 298,878   |          | 298,878  | D  |                                |
| Options   | \$6.59  | 03/28/2024                                 |   | A                               |   | 75,000   |     | (5)                 | 03/31/2034              | Common<br>Stock | 75,000  | \$0      | 75,000   | D  |                                |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents shares of common stock of the Issuer received on December 21, 2023, as consideration pursuant to that certain Merger Agreement, dated as of June 27, 2023 (as amended on September 22, 2023 and as may be further amended and/or restated from time to time, the "Merger Agreement"), by and among Airship AI Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer") (formerly known as BYTE Acquisition Corp., a Cayman Island exempted company limited by shares, prior to its domestication as a Delaware corporation), BYTE Merger Sub, Inc., a Washington corporation and a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer, and Airship AI, Inc., a Washington company (formerly known as Airship AI Holdings, Inc., "Airship AI"). The Reporting Person received the reported shares in exchange for shares of common stock of Airship AI at the Conversion Ratio, as defined in the Merger Agreement, as of the Effective Time of the Merger.
- 2. Airship Redmond Family Limited Partnership is the record holder of the securities reported herein. Derek Xu is the managing partner of Airship Redmond Family Limited Partnership and as such has voting and dispositive power over these securities. Mr. Xu disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by Airship Redmond Family Limited Partnership, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Represents warrants to purchase shares of common stock of the Issuer received by the Reporting Person on December 21, 2023, pursuant to the Merger Agreement, upon the conversion of warrants to purchase shares of common stock of Airship AI at the Conversion Ratio, as defined in the Merger Agreement, as of the Effective Time of the Merger.
- 4. Pursuant to earnout provisions in the Merger Agreement, the holder of such Earnout Rights is entitled to receive shares of common stock of the Issuer upon the occurrence of certain operating performance and share price performance milestones during the applicable earnout periods set forth in the Merger Agreement.
- 5. Commencing on March 31, 2024, the options (4,687.50 per quarter) will vest on the last day of each calendar quarter for four (4) consecutive years with each option vesting on (March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st).

By: /s/ Derek Xu

4/04/2024

\*\* 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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