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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SYKES OLLIN B</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>170 SOUTHPORT DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>MORRISVILLE NC 27560</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHARLES &amp; COLVARD LTD [ CTHR ]</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)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/14/2023</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> 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-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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								1,611,898	I	By Sykes & Company PA 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan UA Jan 01, 1985 <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock								250,221	I	By SEP IRA
Common Stock								95,358	I	By ROTH IRA
Common Stock								153,800	I	By IRA
Common Stock								135,587	I	By spouse
Common Stock								736,421	D	

**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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.4063	12/14/2023		A		123,076		(2)	12/14/2033	Common Stock	123,076	\$0	123,076	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Ollin Sykes is the co-trustee of the Sykes & Company PA 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan UA Jan 01, 1985. The aggregate shares of the Issuer's common stock reported as held by the plan include 375,000 shares held in Mr. Sykes's personal 401(k) account under the plan. Mr. Sykes disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Option vests and becomes exercisable on the date of the 2024 Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

/s/ Clint J. Pete, Attorney-In-Fact

12/18/2023

\*\* 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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