

INC Research Holdings, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Macdonald D. Jamie

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INC Research Holdings, Inc. [INCR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS, INC., 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

(Street)
RALEIGH, NC 27604

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/19/2016 | | A | 40,000 (1) | A \$ 0 | 79,226 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy Class A Common Stock) | \$ 42.88 | 01/19/2016 | | A | 17,778 | (2) | 01/19/2026 | Class A Common Stock | 17,778 |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 01/19/2016 | | A | 60,000 | (3) | (3) | Class A Common Stock | 60,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Macdonald D. Jamie C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS, INC. 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Christopher L. Gaenzle,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/21/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Represents an award of restricted stock units which vests in four equal annual installments of 25% beginning on January 19, 2017, subject to continued employment.
- (2) The shares subject to this option vest in four equal annual installments of 25% beginning on January 19, 2017, subject to continued employment.
- (3) Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The PRSUs vest up to one-third upon the achievement of adjusted diluted net income earnings per share ("EPS") goals during each of 2016, 2017 and 2018. EPS will be as reported in the Issuer's Forms 10-K or other reports publicly filed with the Commission. Vesting of target PRSUs may accelerate in certain circumstances, including if the holder's employment is terminated without cause or the holder resigns for good reason at the time of or following a change in control of the Issuer during any performance period.

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