INC Research Holdings, Inc.

Form 4

January 30, 2017

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Macdonald Alistair

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INC Research Holdings, Inc. [INCR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director

10% Owner

C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS. INC., 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600

(State)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/27/2017

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

Chief Executive Officer

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V (D) Price Amount

Class A Common

Stock

01/27/2017

21,614 A (1)

\$0 74,468 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	01/27/2017		A	32,421	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	32,421

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Macdonald Alistair 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

01/30/2017

**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 three equal annual installments beginning on January 27, 2018, subject to continued employment.

Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of INC Research Holdings, Inc. (the "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 2017, 2018 and 2019. EPS will be as reported in the Issuer's Forms 10-K or other reports publicly filed with the

(2) Goals during each of 2017, 2018 and 2019. Ers will be as reported in the Issuer's Forms 10-K of other reports publicly fried 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 under certain circumstances in connection with a change in control of the Issuer during any performance period.

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