

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ZIESER JOHN S**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
1716 LOCUST STREET  
  
(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**MEREDITH CORP [MDP]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/13/2012**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Development Officer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(1)</u>	08/13/2012		S		129 D \$ 34.3235	12,461.7106	I by Managed Account
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(2)</u>	08/13/2012		M		75,000 A \$ 28.6	76,821.88	D
Common Stock (\$1 par value) <u>(2)</u>	08/13/2012		F		67,044 D \$ 34.18	11,633.88	D

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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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nun Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 28.6	08/13/2012		M	75,000	08/11/2012	08/11/2019	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	7
Stock equivalent units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0					08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	31

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZIESER JOHN S 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023			Chief Development Officer	

## Signatures

By: Teresa T. Rinker, by Power of Attorney For: John S. Zieser  
08/13/2012

\_\_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) Shares held in reporting person's IRA account; Meredith Corp. Savings & Investment Plan account; and Meredith Corp. Employee Stock Purchase Plan account, upon all of which quarterly dividends are paid in the form of additional Common Stock (\$1 par value).
- (2) Shares are held in the reporting person's Meredith Corporation Dividend Reinvestment Plan account, upon which quarterly dividends are paid in the form of additional Common Stock (41 par value). 1856 of these shares are held by the reporting person's spouse.

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- Nonqualified stock options granted pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plan. Each becomes exercisable in its entirety
- (3) on the third anniversary of the grant date, expires on the 10th anniversary of the grant date, and has an exercise price as specified in the award agreement.
  - (4) Stock equivalents issued pursuant to Meredith Corporation's Deferred Compensation Plan or Stock Incentive Plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis in connection with the reporting person's retirement from or termination of Meredith Corporation employment.

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