INC Research Holdings, Inc.

Form 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Macdonald Alistair Issuer Symbol INC Research Holdings, Inc. [INCR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS. 01/19/2016 below) INC., 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, Chief Operating Officer SUITE 600 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting RALEIGH, NC 27604 (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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed of	Secu Bend Owr	urities eficially ned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D) Pr	Repo Tran	lowing ported nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	01/19/2016	A	11,000 (1)	A \$	0 19,0	699	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. Transactio 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	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
Stock Option (Right to Buy Class A Common Stock)	\$ 42.88	01/19/2016		A	4,889	(2)	01/19/2026	Class A Common Stock	4,889
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(3)	01/19/2016		A	16,500	(3)	<u>(3)</u>	Class A Common Stock	16,50

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Macdonald Alistair C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS, INC. 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604

Chief Operating 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.
- The shares subject to this option vest in four equal annual installments of 25% beginning on January 19, 2017, subject to continued employment.

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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