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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Co [HMHC] LASRY MARC (Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2013 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O AVENUE CAPITAL (Check all applicable) MANAGEMENT II, L.P., Â 399 PARK AVENUE, 6TH FLOOR _X__ 10% Owner Director (Street) Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022 _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 55,730 (1) (2) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value I See Footnote (3) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value 3.318.238 (1) (2) Ι See Footnote (4) $1,111,112 \stackrel{(1)}{\underline{}}{}^{(2)}$ Common Stock, \$0.01 par value I See Footnote (5) 911,288 (1) (2) I See Footnote (6) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value $3,191,762 \stackrel{(1)}{\underline{(1)}} \stackrel{(2)}{\underline{(2)}}$ I See Footnote (7) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value 4,826,608 (1) (2) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value Ι See Footnote (8) 137,608 (1) (2) Ι See Footnote (9) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Warrants	06/22/2012	06/22/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	15,118 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.14	I	See Footnote (10)	
Warrants	06/22/2012	06/22/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	92,326 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.14	I	See Footnote (11)	
Warrants	06/22/2012	06/22/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	693,016 (1) (2)	\$ 21.14	I	See Footnote (12)	
Warrants	06/22/2012	06/22/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	23,100 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	\$ 21.14	I	See Footnote (13)	
Warrants	06/22/2012	06/22/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	113,914 (1) (2)	\$ 21.14	I	See Footnote (14)	
Warrants	06/22/2012	06/22/2019	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	524 (1) (2)	\$ 21.14	I	See Footnote (15)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships				
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
LASRY MARC						
C/O AVENUE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT II, L.P.	â	ÂΧ	â	â		
399 PARK AVENUE, 6TH FLOOR	Α	АЛ	Α	A		
NEW YORK, NY 10022						

Reporting Owners 2

Avenue Capital Management II, L.P.

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Avenue Capital Management II GenPar, LLC

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Signatures

Avenue Capital Management II, L.P. By: Avenue Capital Management II GenPar, L.L.C., its General Partner, By: /s/ Eric Ross, attorney-in-fact for Marc Lasry, Managing Member

11/13/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Avenue Capital Management II GenPar, L.L.C. By: /s/ Eric Ross, attorney-in-fact for Marc Lasry, Managing Member

11/13/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Eric Ross, attorney-in-fact for Marc Lasry

11/13/2013

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Date

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

The filing of this Form 3 shall not be construed as an admission that Avenue Capital Management II, L.P. ("Avenue Capital Management"), Avenue Capital Management II GenPar, LLC ("Avenue Capital Management GenPar") or Marc Lasry (collectively, the "Controlling Persons") is or was for the purposes of Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock of the Issuer directly held by Avenue-CDP Global Opportunities Fund, L.P.

- ("Avenue-CDP"), Avenue International Master, L.P. ("Avenue International Master"), Avenue Investments, L.P. ("Avenue Investments"), Avenue Special Opportunities Fund I, L.P. ("Avenue Special Opportunities"), Avenue Special Situations Fund V, L.P. ("Avenue Fund V"), Avenue Special Situations Fund VI (Master), L.P. ("Avenue Fund VI Master") and Managed Accounts Master Fund Services - MAP10 ("MAP10"). (Continued in footnote 2)
- Pursuant to Rule 16a-1, the Controlling Persons disclaim such beneficial ownership except to the extent of their pecuniary interest **(2)** therein.
- Avenue-CDP holds directly 55,730 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares **(3)** due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue-CDP.
- Avenue International Master holds directly 3,318,238 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue International **(4)**
- Avenue Investments holds directly 1,111,112 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in such **(5)** shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue Investments.
- Avenue Special Opportunities holds directly 911,288 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest (6)in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue Special Opportunities.
- Avenue Fund V holds directly 3,191,762 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in such **(7)** shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue Fund V.
- Avenue Fund VI Master holds directly 4,826,608 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in (8)such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue Fund VI Master.
- MAP10 holds directly 137,608 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to **(9)** his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to MAP10.

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Avenue-CDP holds directly warrants exercisable to purchase 15,118 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue-CDP.

- Avenue International Master holds directly warrants exercisable to purchase 92,326 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry

 (11) has an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue International Master.
- Avenue Investments holds directly warrants exercisable to purchase 693,016 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an (12) indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue Investments.
- Avenue Special Opportunities holds directly warrants exercisable to purchase 23,100 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry (13) has an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue Special Opportunities.
- Avenue Fund V holds directly warrants exercisable to purchase 113,914 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an (14) indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to Avenue Fund V.
- (15) MAP10 holds directly warrants exercisable to purchase 524 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer. Mr. Lasry has an indirect pecuniary interest in such shares due to his ownership of entities that receive a portion of the profits allocation related to MAP10.

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