

INC Research Holdings, Inc.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Macdonald Alistair

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

RALEIGH, NC 27604

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INC Research Holdings, Inc. [INCR]

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

01/27/2017

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 Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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            | 01/27/2017                           |  | A                              |   | 21,614<br>(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. 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Performance Restricted Stock Units         | (2)  | 01/27/2017                           |  | A                              | 32,421  | (2) (2)  | 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<br>C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS, INC.<br>3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600<br>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 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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