MEREDITH CORP

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock (\$1 par

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LACY STEPHEN M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MEREDITH CORP [MDP]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
(Last)	(First)	(Mide	dle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction						(Check all applicable)					
1716 LOCUST STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2005						X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & COO						
	(Street)			4. If Amend	4. If Amendment, Date Original						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023				Filed(Month/	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
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(City)	(State)	(Zij	p)	Table I	- Non-	Der	ivative Se	curiti	es Acqı	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any		eemed tion Date, if th/Day/Year)	3. 4. S TransactionAcc Code Dis		Disposed (Instr. 3,	C. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		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)				
Common Stock					0000	·	- 	(2)	11100						
(Restricted) (\$1 par value)	01/29/2005				A		672	A	\$0	4,655	D				
Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value)	01/31/2005				D		701	D	\$ 0	3,954	D				

2,600

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value) (2)

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	• •	Code	io ro f Derivati	tive ies ed	Expiration Dat	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	
Restricted stock units (1)	\$ 0	01/31/2005	A	701		08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	701	
Non-Qualifie Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25 25					03/08/2003	03/08/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12,00	
Non-Qualifie Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28 0625	5				08/09/2008	08/08/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	18,00	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28 0625	5				08/09/2001	08/09/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	24,00	
Non-Qualifie Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.75					08/09/2008	11/12/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12,00	
Non-Qualifie Stock Option						11/13/2001	11/13/2010	Common Stock (\$1	16,00	

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(right to buy)				par value)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 33.1563	08/11/2000	08/11/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	18,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.8	08/08/2002	08/08/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	50,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.05	08/13/2003	08/13/2012	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	60,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.6563	08/12/2000	08/12/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	12,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.6563	02/03/1999	02/02/2008	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	23,40
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 41.6875	08/12/1999	08/12/2008	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	18,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.165	08/12/2006	08/12/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	70,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.165	08/12/2011	08/13/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	70,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.97	08/10/2007	08/10/2014	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	90,00
Stock equivalent units	\$ 0	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	16,44

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LACY STEPHEN M

1716 LOCUST STREET X President & COO

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

Signatures

By: John S. Zieser, Attorney-in-Fact For: Stephen M.
Lacy
01/31/2005

**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 were awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plans. The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until vested, as specified in each award agreement.
- (2) Shares are held in a joint account with reporting person's spouse.
- (3) Shares held in reporting person's IRA and Meredith Corp. Savings & Investment Plan accounts, upon which quarterly dividends are paid in the form of additional Common Stock (\$1 par value).
- (4) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full August 9, 2008. (5) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 13, 2003, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.
- (6) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full February 12, 2007.
- (7) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 12, 2000, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.
- This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full on August 12, 2011.
- (8) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable on August 12, 2006, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.
- Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s deferred compensation plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a one-for-one basis upon the reporting person's retirement from or termination of Meredith Corp. employment. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.

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