

MEREDITH CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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)  
**04/28/2016**

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  
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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  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |        |   |                                       |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(1)</sup> | 04/28/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 43,000  | A  | \$ 34.85                          | 43,000 | D |                                       |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(2)</sup> | 04/28/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 34,217  | D  | \$ 50.25                          | 8,783  | D |                                       |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value)                |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 19     | I | Former custodial account for children |

|  |        |   |                    |
|--|--------|---|--------------------|
| Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) <sup>(3)</sup> | 29,045 | D |                    |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(4)</sup>              | 44,564 | I | by Managed Account |

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   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 34.85   | 04/28/2016                           |  | M                              | 43,000  | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                |
| Stock equivalent units <sup>(5)</sup>      | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(6)</sup>      | \$ 0   |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value)                                |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

By: Tonya Cochran, by Power of Attorney For: John S.  
Zieser

04/29/2016

\_\_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).
- Nonqualified stock options granted pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plan. Each becomes exercisable in its entirety
- (1) on the third anniversary of the grant date, expires on the tenth anniversary of the grant date, and has an exercise price as specified in the award agreement.
  - (2) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.
  - (3) Shares were awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plans. The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until vested, either on the third or the fifth anniversary of the grant date, as specified in each award agreement.
  - (4) 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).
- Stock equivalents issued pursuant to Meredith Corporation's Deferred Compensation Plan or Stock Incentive Plan which will be
- (5) 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.
  - (6) Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to Meredith Corporation's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1 par value) on a 1-for-1 basis upon the completion of a three-year period of service. Quarterly dividends are paid in cash.

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