INC Research Holdings, Inc.

Form 4

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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (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 D. Jamie Issuer Symbol INC Research Holdings, Inc. [INCR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Last) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS. 09/27/2016 below) INC., 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, Chief Executive 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) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) mor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially Form Owned Direct Following or In | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------|------------------|--|---|---|
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (I) (Instr. 4) | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/27/2016 | | S(1) | 13,989 | D | \$ 44.301 (2) | 62,220 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/27/2016 | | S(1) | 3,293 | D | \$ 44.313 (3) | 58,927 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/27/2016 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 17,752 | A | \$ 13.52 | 76,679 | D | |
| Class A | 09/27/2016 | | S(1) | 17,752 | D | \$ 44.307 | 58,927 | D | |

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| Common Stock | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | | |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|--------|---|----------------|--------|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 09/27/2016 | M <u>(1)</u> | 18,936 | A | \$ 16.06 | 77,863 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/27/2016 | S(1) | 18,936 | D | \$ 44.3005 (5) | 58,927 | 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)

| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of ionDerivative 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 | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy Class A Common Stock) | \$ 13.52 | 09/27/2016 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 17,752 | (6) | 04/01/2024 | Class A Common Stock | 17,752 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy Class A Common | \$ 16.06 | 09/27/2016 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 18,936 | <u>(7)</u> | 06/30/2024 | Class A Common Stock | 18,936 |

Reporting Owners

Stock)

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

/s/ Christopher L. Gaenzle, Attorney-in-Fact

09/28/2016

X

**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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 23, 2016.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from (2) \$43.98 to \$44.74, inclusive. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares purchased at each price within the range.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from (3) \$43.96 to \$44.59, inclusive. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares purchased at each price within the range.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$43.99 (4) to \$44.66, inclusive. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from (5) \$43.96 to \$44.66, inclusive. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares purchased at each price within the range.
- One half of the shares subject to this option vest yearly in five equal installments beginning on April 1, 2015, subject to continued employment. The other half of the shares subject to this option vest yearly in five equal installments beginning on December 31, 2014, subject to continued employment.
- One half of the shares subject to this option vest yearly in five equal installments beginning on June 30, 2015, subject to continued employment. The other half of the shares subject to this option vest yearly in five equal installments beginning on December 31, 2014, subject to continued employment.

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