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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

 TAVOLIERI GIOVANNI

C/O NIELSEN HOLDINGS

PLC, Â 85 BROAD STREET

(First)

(Last) (Middle)

(Street)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2016

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Nielsen Holdings plc [NLSN]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

Global President Operations

10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

NEW YORK, NYÂ 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Ownership (Instr. 5)

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 $10,272 \frac{(1)}{2}$

(Instr. 5)

Common Stock 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security** (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of

Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Title

Derivative Security

Direct (D)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Options to purchase Common Stock	(2)	07/26/2022	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 27.98	D	Â
Options to purchase Common Stock	(3)	09/25/2023	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 36.56	D	Â
Options to purchase Common Stock	(4)	10/29/2024	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 41.92	D	Â
Options to purchase Common Stock	(5)	10/28/2025	Common Stock	15,394	\$ 48.35	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
TAVOLIERI GIOVANNI C/O NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK Â NYÂ 10004	Â	Â	Global President Operations	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Harris Black, Authorized 01/11/2016 Signatory

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
 - Includes (a) 1,126 restricted shares of the Issuer, which vest on February 10, 2016; (b) 2,828 restricted stock units of the Issuer, which vest in two annual installments on February 12, 2016 and 2017; (c) 1,120 restricted stock units of the Issuer, which vest on July 26, 2016;
- (1) (d) 1,051 restricted stock units of the Issuer, which vest in two annual installments on September 25, 2016 and 2017; (e) 1,546 restricted stock units of the Issuer, which vest in three annual installments on October 29, 2016, 2017 and 2018; and (f) 2,601 restricted stock units of the Issuer, which vest in four annual installments on October 28, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- Reflects a grant of options to purchase 15,000 shares, which vest in four equal annual installments on July 26, 2013, 2014, 2015 and **(2)**
- Reflects a grant of options to purchase 10,000 shares, which vest in four equal annual installments on September 5, 2014, 2015, 2016 and (3)
- Reflects a grant of options to purchase 12,000 shares, which vest in four equal annual installments on October 29, 2015, 2016, 2017 and **(4)**
- Reflects a grant of options to purchase 15,394 shares, which vest in four equal annual installments on October 28, 2016, 2017, 2018 and **(5)**

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