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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Macdonald Alistair			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INC Research Holdings, Inc. [INCR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS, INC., 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600		· ·	(Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2017	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
RALEIGH, NC 27604			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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)
Class A Common Stock	08/17/2017		M(1)	8,828	A	\$ 10.57	110,629	D	
Class A Common Stock	08/17/2017		S <u>(1)</u>	8,828	D	\$ 55.648 (2)	101,801	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day,	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 I S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy Class A Common Stock)	\$ 10.57	08/17/2017		M <u>(1)</u>	8,828	<u>(3)</u>	08/17/2022	Class A Common Stock	8,828	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Macdonald Alistair C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS, INC. 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604	X		Chief Executive Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Christopher L. Gaenzle,
Attorney-in-Fact
08/21/2017

**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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 7, 2016.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from (2) \$55.57 to \$55.75, inclusive. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the SEC staff, upon
- (2) \$55.57 to \$55.75, inclusive. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the SEC staff, upor request, information regarding the number of shares purchased at each price within the range.
- (3) The shares subject to this option vested on August 1, 2017.

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