

MEREDITH CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSON JOEL W

(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)  
11/11/2015

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/11/2015                           |  | A                              | 1,064 A   | \$ 0 3,194  | D  |   |
| Common Stock (\$1 par value) <sup>(2)</sup>              |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,123  | 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. 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock equivalent units <sup>(3)</sup>                    | \$ 0   | 11/11/2015                           |  | A                              | 2,346   | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value) 2,346                          |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(4)</sup> | \$ 47.01   | 11/11/2015                           |  | A                              | 4,389   | 08/08/1988 08/08/1988                                    | Common Stock (\$1 par value) 4,389                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSON JOEL W<br>1716 LOCUST STREET<br>DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

Tracy J. Warren, by Power of Attorney For: Joel W. Johnson 11/12/2015

\_\_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).

This restricted stock award was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. The share are subject to (1) forfeiture and non-transferable until vested. Restrictions on the shares lapse on 1/3 of the shares per year commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

(2) Shares held by the reporting person in street name and in a registered account in the reporting persons name.

(3)

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Stock equivalent units issued pursuant to the Meredith Corporation 2014 Stock Incentive 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 service on the Meredith Board of Directors. Quarterly dividends are accrued in the form of additional stock equivalents.

- (4) Nonqualified stock options granted pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plan. Each becomes exercisable in its entirety 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.

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