INC Research Holdings, Inc.

Form 4

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(Last)

(City)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gaenzle Christopher L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

INC Research Holdings, Inc. [INCR]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS.

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2016

10% Owner Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

INC., 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600

CAO, GC & Sec

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

RALEIGH, NC 27604

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Class A Common

Stock

01/19/2016

Code V Amount Price (D) 9,050 A

(1)

16,341 \$0

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Indirect

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 orDerivative 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 | Amoun or Numbe of Shar |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy Class A Common Stock) | \$ 42.88 | 01/19/2016 | | A | 4,022 | (2) | 01/19/2026 | Class A Common Stock | 4,022 |
| Performance Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 01/19/2016 | | A | 13,575 | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Class A Common Stock | 13,57 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|--|--|
| . 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Gaenzle Christopher L C/O INC RESEARCH HOLDINGS, INC. 3201 BEECHLEAF COURT, SUITE 600 RALEIGH, NC 27604 | | | CAO, GC & Sec | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Christopher L. 01/21/2016 Gaenzle

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) Represents an award of restricted stock units which vests in four equal annual installments of 25% beginning on January 19, 2017 subject to continued employment.
- The shares subject to this option vest in four equal annual installments of 25% beginning on January 19, 2017, subject to continued employment.

Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. The PRSUs vest up to one-third upon the achievement of adjusted diluted net income earnings per share ("EPS") goals during each of 2016, 2017 and 2018. EPS will be as reported in the Issuer's Forms 10-K or other reports publicly filed with the Commission. Vesting of target PRSUs may accelerate in certain circumstances, including if the holder's employment is terminated without

(3) 2016, 2017 and 2018. EPS will be as reported in the Issuer's Forms 10-K or other reports publicly filed with the Commission. Vesting of target PRSUs may accelerate in certain circumstances, including if the holder's employment is terminated without cause or the holder resigns for good reason at the time of or following a change in control of the Issuer during any performance period.

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