JOHNSON JOEL W Form 4 November 10, 2005

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

Form 5 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).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading JOHNSON JOEL W Issuer Symbol MEREDITH CORP [MDP] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 1716 LOCUST STREET 11/08/2005 below)

(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

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(State)

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock (\$1 4,378 D par value)

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)

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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. Transacti 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 Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50.28	11/09/2005		A	6,000	11/09/2006	11/09/2016	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Stock equivalent units	\$ 0	11/08/2005		A	1,046	08/08/1988	08/08/1988	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	1,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.8438					11/11/1997	11/12/2006	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.5					11/14/2001	11/14/2010	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.6					11/13/2002	11/13/2011	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.7813					11/11/1998	11/11/2007	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 36.7188					11/09/2000	11/09/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.0313					11/10/1999	11/10/2008	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 45.275					11/12/2003	11/12/2012	Common Stock (\$1	6,0

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(right to buy) $\frac{(1)}{}$				par value)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.75	11/11/2004	11/11/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 51.975	11/09/2005	11/09/2014	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	6,0

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: John S. Zieser, Attorney-in-Fact For: Joel W. Joohnson 11/10/2005

**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) This option was awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors, becomes exercisable one-third per year over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, and expires on the tenth anniversary of the grant date.
 - Stock equivalents issued at fair market value (the average of the high and low selling price of Meredith Common Stock on the issue date), pursuant to Meredith Corp.'s 2002 Stock Plan for Non-employee Directors (the "Plan"), which will be converted to Common Stock (\$1
- (2) 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. Data in this footnote would normally appear in the Title, Exercisable Date, and Price columns.

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