

MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Short Richard George

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.
 [MERC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SUITE 1120, 700 WEST PENDER STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Controller

VANCOUVER, A1 V6C 1G8
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2017		M	8,595 A \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾	30,179	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2017		F	4,298 D \$ 12.33 ⁽²⁾	25,881	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	\$ 0	02/23/2017		A	8,595 (3)	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	8,595
Performance Share Units	\$ 0	02/23/2017		M	8,595 (1)	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	8,595

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Short Richard George SUITE 1120 700 WEST PENDER STREET VANCOUVER, A1 V6C 1G8			VP, Controller	

Signatures

/s/ Richard Short 02/27/2017
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting 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 the conversion of vested performance share units ("PSUs").
- (2) Represents the average of the intraday high and low trading price on February 23, 2017.
- (3) Represents the vesting on February 23, 2017 of PSUs awarded to the reporting person based on the achievement of certain specified performance criteria, including company performance, share price performance and individual performance during the 2014 to 2016 performance period.

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