

Koppensteiner Adolf
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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 *
 Koppensteiner Adolf

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/20/2018

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2018 | | M | | | 9,353 | \$ 0 | 9,353 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2018 | | F | | | 4,677 | \$ 13.2 | 4,676 | 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 | 02/20/2018 | | A | 9,353 (3) | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 9,353 |
| Performance Share Units | \$ 0 | 02/20/2018 | | M | 9,353 (1) | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 9,353 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Koppensteiner Adolf SUITE 1120 700 WEST PENDER STREET VANCOUVER, A1 V6C 1G8 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Adolf
Koppensteiner 02/21/2018

**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) Represents the conversion of vested performance share units ("PSUs").
- (2) Represents the average of the intraday high and low trading price on February 20, 2018.
- (3) Represents the vesting on February 20, 2018 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 2015 to 2017 performance period.

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