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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Pettit CD Baer Issuer Symbol MSCI Inc. [MSCI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director MSCI INC., 7 WORLD TRADE 02/02/2018

10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

President

CENTER, 250 GREENWICH ST

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

NEW YORK, NY 10007

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Execution Date, if any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			(D)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	02/02/2018		A	15,084 (1)	A	\$ 0	188,428	D			
Common Stock	02/02/2018		F	7,090 (2)	D	\$ 142.53	181,338	D			
Common Stock	02/02/2018		A	2,017 (3)	A	\$ 0	183,355	D			
Common Stock	02/02/2018		F	6,118 (4)	D	\$ 142.53	177,237	D			
Common Stock	02/06/2018		A	3,685 (5)	A	\$0	180,922	D			

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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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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amou	nt of	Derivative]
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	J
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pettit CD Baer MSCI INC. 7 WORLD TRADE CENTER, 250 GREENWICH ST NEW YORK, NY 10007

President

Signatures

/s/ Cecilia Aza, attorney-in-fact 02/06/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Dat

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).
- Represents the number of shares of common stock issued following the vesting and conversion of performance stock units ("PSUs")

 (1) granted to the reporting person on January 27, 2015, upon certification by the Compensation and Talent Management Committee (the "Committee") of the achievement of certain cumulative performance metrics for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 fiscal years.
- (2) Represents shares reacquired by MSCI Inc. to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and conversion to shares of 15,084 PSUs granted on January 27, 2015.
- (3) Represents the number of shares of common stock issued following the vesting and conversion of the first tranche of PSUs granted to the reporting person on January 27, 2015, upon certification by the Committee of the achievement of certain cumulative performance metrics for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 fiscal years, and reflects only the number of shares in excess of the amount previously reported with respect

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to such first tranche of PSUs on the Form 4 filed by the reporting person with the SEC on January 29, 2015.

- (4) Represents shares reacquired by MSCI Inc. to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and conversion to shares of the first tranche of 13,015 PSUs granted on January 27, 2015.
- (5) Restricted stock units ("RSUs") ratably vesting and converting to shares on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of MSCI common stock.

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