

MEREDITH CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
ZIESER JOHN S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1716 LOCUST STREET

(Street)

DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MEREDITH CORP [MDP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/11/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Development Officer

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock (Restricted) (\$1 par value) (1)	08/11/2009		A		8,700	A	\$ 0 16,513
						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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 28.6	08/11/2009		A	31,000	08/11/2012	08/11/2019	Common Stock (\$1 par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 28.6	08/11/2009		A	44,000	08/11/2012	08/11/2019	Common Stock (\$1 par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 33.1563 ⁽⁴⁾	08/11/2009		J	6,000	08/12/2000	08/10/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 33.1563 ⁽⁴⁾	08/11/2009		J	18,000	08/11/2000	08/11/2009	Common Stock (\$1 par value)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZIESER JOHN S 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023			Chief Development Officer	

Signatures

By: Teresa T. Rinker, by Power of Attorney For: John S. Zieser 08/13/2009

^{**}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) Shares were awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plans. The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until vested, either on the third or the fifth anniversary of the grant date, as specified in each award agreement.

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- (2) This option was granted pursuant to the Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plans and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and will become exercisable in full February 12, 2007.

- (3) Graduated percentages of the option, however, will become exercisable August 12, 2000, if specified EPS growth targets set forth in Exhibit A to the Nonqualified Stock Option Award agreement are met.
- (4) Nonqualified stock option award has reached or shortly will reach expiration date without having been exercised.
- (5) This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments, commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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