## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| <b>STATEMENT</b> | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | . OWNERSHIP |
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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Crum Scott A   |  |        |           |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol MSCI Inc. [ MSCI ] |   |                  |                                      |  |   |                        |   |                      |  | all app                        | licable)  | •   | Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner Other (specify       |  |            |  |
|--|--|--------|-----------|--|---|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------|---|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|------------|--|
|  | (Last) (First) (Middle)  MSCI INC.   |        |           |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2017           |   |                  |                                      |  |   |                        |   |                      | Λ  | Chie                           | v)<br>f Human F   |   | below)<br>s Offi                                    |  |            |  |
| 7 WORLD TRADE CENTER, 250 GREENWICH ST.  |  |        | 'ICH      |  |   |   |                  |                                      |  |   |                        |   |                      |  |                                |   |   |   |  |            |  |
|  |  |        |           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |   |                  |                                      |  |   |                        |   |                      | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |                                |   |   |   |  |            |  |
| (Street)  NEW YO   | ORK N  | V 1    | .0007     |  |   |   |                  |                                      |  |   |                        |   |                      |  | X                              |   | i filed by One<br>i filed by Moi                                  | •   | _  |            |  |
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| (City)   | (St  | ate) ( | Zip)      |  |   |   |                  |                                      |  |   |                        |   |                      |  |                                |   |   |   |  |            |  |
|  |  | Tabl   | e I - Nor | n-Deriva   | ative   | Se  | curitie          | es Acc                               | quired   | Dis   | posed o                | f, o  | r Ben                | efici  | ally                           | Owne  | ed  |   |  |            |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D   |  |        |           | Day/Year) if   |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                  | Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) |  | ities Acquired (A)<br>d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |                        |   | 4 and Se<br>Be<br>Ov |  | Securities I<br>Seneficially ( |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |            |  |
|  |  |        |           |  |   |   |                  |                                      | Code   | v   | Amount                 |   | (A) or<br>(D)        | Price  | •                              | Transa  | ransaction(s)<br>nstr. 3 and 4)                                   |   |  | (Instr. 4) |  |
| Common Stock 02/07/  |  |        |           |  | 7/2017  |   |                  |                                      | A  |   | 4,082 <sup>(1)</sup> A |   | \$ <mark>0</mark> .  | 00 13,482  |                                | 3,482   | D   |   |  |            |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |        |           |  |   |   |                  |                                      |  |   |                        |   |                      |  |                                |   |   |   |  |            |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | Derivative decurity learning or Exercise (Month/Day/Year)  Price of Derivative Security  Date (Month/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)  (Month/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |        | Date,     | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                  |   | of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) o<br>Disp<br>of (D       | of I             |                                      | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   |                        | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                      |  |                                | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Owner<br>Form<br>Director Inc<br>(I) (In:                         | wnership  | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |            |  |
|  |  |        | Code      | v  | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisa |                                      | Expiration<br>Date   | Title                                       | or<br>Nur<br>of        | ount<br>nber<br>res   |                      |  |                                |   |   |   |  |            |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Restricted stock units ("RSUs") vesting and converting to 1,361, 1,361 and 1,360 shares on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date, respectively. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of MSCI common stock.

## Remarks:

/s/ Cecilia Aza, attorney-in-fact 02/08/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Dat

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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