FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Add Smith Marc | 2. Date of Event Requiring Staten Month/Day/Year 11/02/2017 | nent | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MSCI Inc. [MSCI] | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|---|-------------------|---|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) MSCI INC., 7 WORLD TRADE CENTER | | ` ′ ′ | | | Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable) X Director | | rson(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |
| 250 GREENWICH ST. | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (spe below) | | Applicable Line) | /Group Filing (Check |
| (Street) NEW YORK | NY | 10007 | | | | | | | | y One Reporting Person y More than One erson |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | d 3. Title and Amount of Secur Underlying Derivative Securi | | ity (Instr. 4) Conve | | se Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiratio Date | on Title | e | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivativ Security | e Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Cecilia Aza, attorney-in-fact 11/06/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Frederick Bogdan, Robert Gutowski, Cecilia Aza, Kelly Diep and Vernon Archibald, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- prepare and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of MSCI Inc. (the "Company"), any and all Forms 3, 4 and 5 required to be filed by the undersigned in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules thereunder;
- 2. prepare and execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, any Form 144 Notice under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");
- 3. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, 5 or 144 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- 4. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned, pursuant to this Power of Attorney, shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming to all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that no such attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is hereby assuming, nor is the Company hereby assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act or Section 5 of the Securities Act or Rule 144 promulgated under such Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, 5 and 144 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 1st day of November, 2017.

| /s/ Marcus L. Smith | |
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| Marcus L. Smith | |