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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Taff Michael S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL INC [MDR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC., 777 N. ELDRIDGE PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/25/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP and CFO

(Street)  
 HOUSTON, TX 77079

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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)**

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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)
Performance Shares	(1)	02/25/2010		A	33,000	(2) 05/10/2010	Common Stock 33,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Taff Michael S C/O MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. 777 N. ELDRIDGE PARKWAY HOUSTON, TX 77079			Sr. VP and CFO	

## Signatures

Liane K. Hinrichs, by power of attorney  
 Date: 03/01/2010  
 \*\*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) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of MDR common stock.
- (2) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive one share of MDR common stock. The performance shares vest on May 10, 2010, provided the reporting person is still an employee of the Company on that date, subject to limited exceptions. On May 10, 2007, the reporting person was granted a target number of performance shares, with the payout from 0 to 150% of target based on the Company's total consolidated operating income over a three-year period. The payout was determined on February 25, 2010, resulting in the reported number of performance shares received.

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