

MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC
Form SC 13D/A
February 12, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 5)***

Mercer International Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$1.00
(Title of Class of Securities)

588056101
(CUSIP Number)

Peter R. Kellogg

48 Wall Street

30th Floor

New York, New York 10005

(212) 389-5841

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 11, 2016
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No.

588056101

Names of

Reporting

Persons

1.

Peter R.

Kellogg

Check the

Appropriate

Box if a

2.

Member of a

Group (See

Instructions)

(a) ..

(b) ..

SEC Use

3.

Only

Source of

Funds (See

4.

Instructions)

OO

Check if

Disclosure of

Legal

Proceedings

5.

Is Required

Pursuant to

Items 2(d) or

2(e) o

Citizenship

or Place of

6.

Organization

United States

Number of

Sole Voting Power

Shares

7.

Beneficially

18,152,332

Owned by

Shared Voting Power

Each

8.

Reporting

Person With

Sole Dispositive Power

9.

18,152,332

10. Shared Dispositive Power

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

11.

18,152,332

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) ☐
Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13.

28.1%

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

14.

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CUSIP No.

588056101

Names of
Reporting
Persons

1. IAT
Reinsurance
Company
Ltd.

Check the
Appropriate

- Box if a
2. Member of a
Group (See
Instructions)

(a) ..

(b) ..

3. SEC Use
Only
Source of
Funds (See
4. Instructions)

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Check if
Disclosure of
Legal

5. Proceedings
Is Required
Pursuant to
Items 2(d) or
2(e) o
Citizenship
or Place of

6. Organization

Bermuda

Sole Voting Power

- | | | |
|--------------|----|------------------------|
| Number of | 7. | |
| Shares | | 15,603,223 |
| Beneficially | | Shared Voting Power |
| Owned by | 8. | |
| Each | | |
| Reporting | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power |
| Person With | | |

15,603,223

Shared Dispositive Power

10.

Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

11.

15,603,223

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) ☐ o
Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

13.

24.2%

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

14.

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Introduction

This Amendment No. 5 (“AMENDMENT NO. 5”) to Schedule 13D is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f) regarding shares of the common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the “SHARES”), of Mercer International Inc., a Washington corporation (the “COMPANY”) that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Peter R. Kellogg and/or IAT Reinsurance Company, Ltd., a Bermuda limited liability company (“IAT”). IAT and Peter R. Kellogg are each referred hereto as a Reporting Person, and are collectively referred to as the Reporting Persons.

This Amendment No. 5 amends and supplements the statement on Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D dated July 2, 2014 relating to the Shares. This Amendment No. 5 reflects transactions and developments through February 11, 2016, relating to such Reporting Persons’ holdings of the Company. Only those items hereby reported in this Amendment No. 5 are amended and all other items remain unchanged. Terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13D, as amended.

Item 1 Security and Issuer

The class of security to which this statement relates is common stock, par value \$1.00 per share of the Company, which is organized under the laws of the state of Washington. The address of the principal executive office of the Company is Suite 1120, 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 1G8.

Item 2 Identity and Background

(a) This Amendment No. 5 is filed on behalf of Peter R. Kellogg and IAT. Mr. Kellogg is the sole owner of IAT’s voting stock, is a member of IAT’s board of directors, and is the President and CEO of IAT. Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D was filed by the Reporting Persons on February 18, 2014 and is incorporated by reference herein. A joint filing agreement of Mr. Kellogg and IAT is attached as Exhibit A to the Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2010 and incorporated by reference herein.

(b) The business address for Mr. Kellogg and IAT is 48 Wall Street, 30th floor, New York, NY 10005.

(c), (f) Mr. Kellogg is an American citizen and a private investor. IAT is a reinsurance company incorporated in Bermuda.

(d)-(e) In September 2014, Mr. Kellogg settled charges by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to the failure to promptly report information about his holdings and transactions on stock of publicly traded companies. Under the terms of settlement, Mr. Kellogg paid a fine of \$100,000 and to cease and desist from further violations of Sections 13(d) and 16(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 13d-1, 13d-2 and 16a-3 promulgated thereunder.

Item 3 Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The source of funds for the purchases of the Shares was derived from the working capital of IAT and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, from funds of the foundation administered by Mr. Kellogg, and the funds of the companies controlled by Mr. Kellogg.

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Item 4 Purpose of Transaction

The Shares were acquired for investment purposes in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired with the purpose or effect of changing or influencing control of the Company. Mr. Kellogg and IAT believe that the Shares represented an attractive investment opportunity. Mr. Kellogg and IAT review their holdings of the Company on an ongoing basis and, depending on such review and on various factors, including, without limitation, the price of the Shares, stock market conditions, the financial position and strategic direction of the Company, and general economic and industry conditions, Mr. Kellogg and IAT may in the future take such actions with respect to their investment in the Company as they deem appropriate, including, without limitation, purchasing additional Shares or selling some or all of their Shares. In addition, Mr. Kellogg and IAT may, alone or with others, pursue discussions with the Company, other stockholders and third parties with regard to their investment in the Company and/or otherwise change their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4 of Schedule 13D. Any purchases may be effected directly or through one or more entities controlled or deemed to be controlled by Mr. Kellogg. Any purchases or sales may be in the open market, in a privately negotiated transaction or otherwise.

Except as set forth herein, neither Mr. Kellogg nor IAT have any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in any of the transactions or changes contemplated in Items 4(a) through 4(j) of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) As of the close of business on February 11, 2016, Mr. Kellogg beneficially owned an aggregate of 18,152,332 Shares, constituting approximately 28.1% of the Shares outstanding.

(b) IAT Reinsurance is the owner of 15,603,223 Shares, constituting approximately 24.2% of the Shares outstanding. Mr. Kellogg has sole dispositive and voting power with respect to the Shares owned by IAT. By virtue of his position with IAT, Mr. Kellogg may be considered to indirectly beneficially own such shares.

(c) During the past 60 days, Mr. Kellogg has engaged in the following transactions in the Shares:

Transaction Date	Shares Purchased	Price Per Share
February 11, 2016	100,000	\$6.47

(d) The non-voting stockholders of IAT have the right to participate in the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the common shares held by them in accordance with their ownership interest in IAT.

(e) Not Applicable

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Except as described in Item 5(d) above, to the best knowledge of Mr. Kellogg and IAT, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons enumerated in Item 2 or between such persons and any other person with respect to any securities of the Company, including, but not limited to, transfer or voting of any of the shares, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A - Joint Filing Agreement between Peter R. Kellogg and IAT Reinsurance Company Ltd., incorporated by reference from a Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2010.

Exhibit B - Power of Attorney in favor of Marguerite R. Gorman to sign all 13D and 13G filings on behalf of Mr. Peter R. Kellogg. Incorporated by reference from a Schedule 13D filed by the Reporting Persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 5, 2007.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 11, 2016
DATE

IAT REINSURANCE COMPANY LTD.

/s/ Marguerite R. Gorman, attorney in fact
Peter R. Kellogg, President & CEO

/s/ Marguerite R. Gorman, attorney in fact
Peter R. Kellogg

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