

Pettit CD Baer
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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 *
Pettit CD Baer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
MSCI INC., ONE CHASE
MANHATTAN PLAZA, 44TH FL
(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MSCI Inc. [MSCI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/02/2012

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)
Head of Client Coverage

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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 02/02/2012 | | A | | 21,369 (1) | A | \$ 0 187,084 |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Pettit CD Baer MSCI INC. ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, 44TH FL NEW YORK, NY 10005 | | | Head of Client Coverage | |

Signatures

/s/ Cecilia Aza, attorney-in-fact 02/03/2012

**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).
Includes (i) 14,246 restricted stock units (RSUs) vesting and converting to shares at a rate of 33 1/3% on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date and (ii) 7,123 performance stock units (PSUs) representing the minimum payout related to the grant of 14,246 PSUs subject to time- and performance-vesting. The PSUs time-vest at a rate of 50% on each of December 31, 2013 and 2014 and (1) performance-vest (within a range of 50% and 150%) based on the achievement of certain cumulative performance metrics for the 2012 and 2013 fiscal years. The first tranche of PSUs generally converts to shares no earlier than January 1 and no later than March 15, 2014 and the second tranche of PSUs generally converts to shares no earlier than January 1 and no later than March 15, 2015. Each RSU and PSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of MSCI class A common stock.

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