

MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.  
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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 \*  
 Short Richard George

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC.  
 [MERC]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 SUITE 1120, 700 WEST PENDER STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/05/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Controller

VANCOUVER, A1 V6C 1G8

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | Code V                                                            | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 01/05/2016                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 6,329                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 0<br>(1)                       |
| Common Stock                    | 01/05/2016                           |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 3,165                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 8.96<br>(2)                    |

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)

| 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Performance Share Units                    | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 01/05/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 6,329 <sub>(3)</sub>                                                                    | <sub>(3)</sub> <sub>(3)</sub>                            | Common Stock                                                  | 6,329                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                        | Relationships |           |                |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|                                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Short Richard George<br>SUITE 1120<br>700 WEST PENDER STREET<br>VANCOUVER, A1 V6C 1G8 |               |           | VP, Controller |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Richard Short                      01/07/2016  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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 unit represents a right to receive one share of common stock of Mercer International Inc.
- (2) Represents the average of the intraday high and low trading price on January 5, 2016.  
 Represents the vesting on December 31, 2015 of the third tranche of performance share units awarded to the reporting person based on
- (3) the achievement of certain specified performance criteria, including company performance, share price performance and individual performance during the 2011 to 2013 performance period.

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