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FORM 4

Form 5

obligations

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Section 16. Form 4 or

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Holmes Ted E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST [IRET]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 01/05/2011

3015 16TH STREET SW, SUITE 100

(State)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) SVP - Finance

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MINOT, ND 58701

(City)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Amount

141.844

(1)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned **Following** Reported

6. Ownership Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Indirect (I)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Common

Shares of 01/05/2011 Beneficial Interest

P

Code V

8.46

Price

(A)

or

(D)

475.893

D

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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amou or Title Numb of Share	ber	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Holmes Ted E

3015 16TH STREET SW, SUITE 100 SVP - Finance

MINOT, ND 58701

Signatures

Michelle R. Saari, 01/07/2011 Attorney-in-Fact

**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) Voluntary cash contribution purchase under the issuer's Distribution Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan.

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