MEREDITH CORP

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Restricted)

(\$1 par value) $\frac{(3)}{}$

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Departing De

		Symbol	er Name and Ticker or Trading CDITH CORP [MDP]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)		(Month/l	of Earliest Transaction Day/Year)	(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
1716 LOCUS	ST STREET	02/04/2	2005	_X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Corporate Controller			
	(Street)		nendment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DES MOINE	S, IA 50309-302	23		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ble I - Non-Derivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year		Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ar) (Instr. 8) (A) or				
Common Stock (\$1 par value) (1)	02/04/2005		P 1,000 A \$ 47	79 2,500 D			
Common Stock (\$1 par value) (2)				by 293 I Managed Account			
Common Stock							

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 46.165					08/12/2006	08/12/2013	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	9,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.97					08/10/2007	08/10/2014	Common Stock (\$1 par value)	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CAPPAERT STEVEN M 1716 LOCUST STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309-3023

Corporate Controller

Signatures

Steven M. O2/04/2005 Cappaert

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- * 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) Shares held by the reporting person in street name.
- These shares are held in reporting person's Meredith Corp. Savings & Investment Plan and Employee Stock Purchase Plan accounts. Quarterly dividends on the accounts are paid in the form of additional common stock, \$1 par value.
- Shares were awarded pursuant to the Meredith Corporation Stock Incentive Plans. The shares are subject to forfeiture and are nontransferable until vested, as specified in each award agreement.
- This option was granted pursuant to the '96 Meredith Corp. Stock Incentive Plan and becomes exercisable in its entirety on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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