

Pettit CD Baer  
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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 \*  
Pettit CD Baer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
88 PINE STREET  
(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)  
01/10/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Head of Client Coverage

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	01/10/2011		F	4,348 (1)	\$ 38.64	D	
Class A Common Stock	01/11/2011		A	1,497 (2)	\$ 0	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. 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pettit CD Baer 88 PINE STREET NEW YORK, NY 10005			Head of Client Coverage	

## Signatures

/s/ Cecilia Aza, attorney-in-fact  
01/12/2011  
\*\*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) Represents shares reacquired by MSCI to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and conversion to shares of 8,807 restricted stock units (RSUs) granted to the Reporting Person on December 17, 2008.  
Includes (i) 1,180 RSUs vesting at a rate of 33 1/3% on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date and (ii) 317 performance stock units (PSUs) representing the minimum payout related to the grant of 635 PSUs subject to time-vesting and performance vesting.
- (2) The PSUs time-vest at a rate of 50% on each of December 31, 2012 and 2013 and performance-vest (within a range of 50% and 150%) based on the achievement of certain cumulative performance metrics for the 2011 and 2012 fiscal years. The two tranches of PSUs convert no earlier than January 1 and no later than March 15 of 2013 and 2014, respectively. Each RSU and PSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of MSCI class A common stock.

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