Retelny Gary Form 4 December 19, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Retelny Gary

(Middle) (Last) (First)

(Street)

(State)

12/17/2008

MSCI INC., 88 PINE STREET

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Class A Common

Stock (1)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

MSCI Inc. [MXB]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

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

4. Securities Acquired

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

(Instr. 8)

(A)

Amount (D) Price

A 21.953 Α \$0 202,119

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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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Head of Strategy & Bus. Dev.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(D) or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

D

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

below)

Person

Director

Applicable Line)

5. Amount of

Beneficially

Securities

Owned Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

X_ Officer (give title

response... 0.5

10% Owner

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect

Other (specify

(9-02)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
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	Derivative				Securities Acquired			(Instr. 3 and 4)			Owne
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	·				(A) or					Repo	
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
					,)						
									Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		or		
								Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Retelny Gary MSCI INC. 88 PINE STREET NEW YORK, NY 10005

Head of Strategy & Bus. Dev.

Signatures

/s/ Gary Retelny 12/18/2008

**Signature of Person 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) Restricted stock units vesting over a three-year period, with 33 1/3% vesting on January 8, 2010, 33 1/3% vesting on January 10, 2011 and 33 1/3% vesting on January 9, 2012.

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