

# FORM 4

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

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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|                                           |                                                   |                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)                         |
| <b>STAKE JAMES B</b>                      | <b>C H ROBINSON WORLDWIDE INC [ CHRW ]</b>        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                    |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| <b>14701 CHARLSON ROAD</b>                | <b>12/30/2016</b>                                 |                                                                                                    |
| (Street)                                  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                        |
| <b>EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55347</b>             |                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person                             |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                              |

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

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                    |                |                                         | Code                         | V | Amount                                                                  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price |                                                                                                     |                                                                         |                                                                   |
| Common Stock                       |                |                                         |                              |   |                                                                         |               |       | 400                                                                                                 | D                                                                       |                                                                   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|                                          |                                                        |                |                                   | Code                      | V | (A)                                                                                    | (D) | Date Exercisable                        | Expiration Date | Title                                                                             | Amount or Number of Shares |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                                                  |                                                        |
| Phantom Stock (Restricted Stock Units)   | (1)                                                    | 12/30/2016     |                                   | A                         |   | 588 (2)                                                                                |     | (3)                                     | (3)             | Common Stock                                                                      | 588                        | (2)                                        | 13797                                                                                              | D                                                                                |                                                        |

#### Explanation of Responses:

- ( 1) Each phantom share/restricted stock unit will be paid in one share of common stock.
- ( 2) Of the 588 restricted stock units, 426 were granted at no cost to the reporting person as an annual equity-based award provided to each non-employee director, and 162 were granted at a price of \$73.26 per unit in connection with the reporting person's election to defer receipt of a portion of the most recent quarterly cash retainer payment.
- ( 3) Following the reporting person's termination of service as a director, vested restricted stock units become payable in shares of common stock according to the schedule previously chosen by the reporting person.

#### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| <b>STAKE JAMES B</b><br><b>14701 CHARLSON ROAD</b><br><b>EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55347</b> | <b>X</b>      |           |         |       |

#### Signatures

/s/ Troy Renner, Attorney-in-Fact for James B. Stake

1/4/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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