

STENEHJEM STEPHEN
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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 *
STENEHJEM STEPHEN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST [IRET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1400 31ST AVENUE SW, SUITE 60
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/16/2012

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

MINOT, ND 58701

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 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) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| UPREIT Units <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | 02/16/2012 | A | | 137,164 | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Shares of Beneficial Interest | 137,164 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| STENEHJEM STEPHEN 1400 31ST AVENUE SW, SUITE 60 MINOT, ND 58701 | | X | | |

Signatures

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|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Lindsey Knoop Anderson, Attorney-in-Fact | 02/21/2012 |
| <u> </u> 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).
- Limited partnership units in IRET Properties, a North Dakota Limited Partnership, of which the issuer is the general partner. The UPREIT Units are redeemable on the second anniversary of the date of their acquisition for an equal number of the issuer's common shares, or, at the election of the issuer, cash based on the market value of an equal number of the issuer's common shares. The UPREIT units were received in exchange for the indirect contribution to IRET Properties of a real estate property. The value of the UPREIT units was \$7.65 as of the acquisition date, calculated in accordance with a formula established in a Contribution Agreement dated effective January 31, 2012.
- (1) UPREIT units are convertible to common shares of the issuer on a one-to-one basis, or cash, at the election of the issuer. UPREIT units have no expiration date.
 - (2) The reporting person holds, directly or indirectly, an ownership interest in this entity. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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