SOTHEBYS

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Devonshire Duke of

1334 YORK AVENUE

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

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(First) (Last)

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2015

(Street)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

Person

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

NEW YORK, NY 10021

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(State)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (A)

or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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Indirect

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Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) Expiration Title (D) Date Amount Exercisable Date Number of Shares Deferred Common Stock (1) 12/15/2015 $A^{(2)}$ 169.03 (1) (1) 169.03

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Devonshire Duke of 1334 YORK AVENUE X

NEW YORK, NY 10021

Signatures

Units

/s/ Jonathan Olsoff as Attorney-In-Fact

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * 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).
- The Deferred Stock Units were accrued under the Company's Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors (as amended and (1) restated, the "Plan"). These units will be settled, on a one-for-one basis into shares of the Company's Common Stock (except that fractional shares, if any, will be settled in cash) after the reporting person's termination of service on the Sotheby's Board.
- (2) Acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature of the Stock Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors

Date

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