

STENEHJEM STEPHEN  
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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 \*  
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)  
3015 16TH STREET SW, SUITE 100  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/05/2011

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	01/05/2011		P		354.61 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 8.46
					91,410.088	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)

Table with columns for Title of Derivative Security, Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, Transaction Date, Deemed Execution Date, Transaction Number, Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, Price of Derivative Security, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with columns for Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for STENEHJEM STEPHEN at 3015 16TH STREET SW, SUITE 100, MINOT, ND 58701.

Signatures

Michelle R. Saari, Attorney-in-Fact, 01/07/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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(1) Voluntary cash contribution purchase under the issuer's Distribution Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan.

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