

Nielsen Holdings plc
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â POWELL JAMES T | | (Month/Day/Year) | Nielsen Holdings plc [NLSN] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 01/01/2016 | |
| C/O NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC,Â 85 BROAD STREET | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10004 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Chief Technology Officer | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 107,273 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | Title | | | |

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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Options to purchase Common Stock | Â (2) | 10/28/2022 | Common Stock 40,025 | \$ 48.35 D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| POWELL JAMES T C/O NIELSEN HOLDINGS PLC 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004 | Â | Â | Â Chief Technology Officer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Harris Black, Authorized Signatory
Date: 01/11/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Includes (a) 100,510 restricted stock units of the Issuer, which vest in four annual installments on July 23, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019; and (b) 6,763 restricted stock units of the Issuer, which vest in four annual installments on October 28, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- (2) Reflects a grant of options to purchase 40,025 shares, which vest in four equal annual installments on October 28, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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