Decker Mark Okey Jr Form 4 December 20, 2018

Interest

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	07/20/2018		A	26,338	(2)	(2)	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	26,338

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Decker Mark Okey Jr						
C/O INVESTORS REAL ESTATE TRUST	X		President, CEO and CIO			
1400 31ST AVE SW SHITE 60			, - 20 and 010			

Signatures

MINOT, ND 58702

/s/ Anne Olson, Attorney in fact for Mark O.
Decker

Data

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

12/20/2018

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).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of IRET common stock.
 - The restricted stock units vest in cumulative annual increments of one-third on each of July 20, 2019, April 30, 2020 and April 30, 2021,
- (2) as long as the reporting person is in the employ of the Issuer. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person no later than 30 days after vesting.

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