

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Merritt Edward A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 3680 VICTORIA STREET N (Street) SHOREVIEW MN 55126 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DELUXE CORP [DLX]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Treasurer, VP of IR & CFO	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

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	3,285 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	01/20/2017	Common Stock	2,275	(2)	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	01/25/2018	Common Stock	2,688	(3)	D	
Common Stock Option	08/14/2014 ⁽⁴⁾	08/14/2020	Common Stock	4,992	42.52	D	
Common Stock Option	02/27/2015 ⁽⁴⁾	02/27/2021	Common Stock	1,804	50.32	D	
Common Stock Option	02/12/2016 ⁽⁴⁾	02/12/2022	Common Stock	1,497	67.08	D	
Common Stock Option	02/17/2017 ⁽⁴⁾	02/17/2023	Common Stock	2,545	54.3	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Includes 1,239 shares of restricted stock.
- Restricted Stock Units were awarded on 1/20/2015 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be converted into common stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an advance election by executive to receive a portion of their 2014 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.
- Restricted Stock Units were awarded on 1/25/2016 under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. The units will vest and be converted into common stock on the second anniversary of the date of grant if, subject to certain exceptions, the holder remains in the employ of the Company through such date. Award results from an advance election by executive to receive a portion of their 2015 annual incentive compensation in restricted stock units in lieu of cash.
- Options vest in three equal installments on the three succeeding anniversary dates of grant, provided the holder remains in the employ of the Company. Date entered reflects date on which first installment vests(ed).

Remarks:

J. Michael Schroeder as Power of Attorney for Edward A. Merritt 09/13/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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CONFIRMING STATEMENT

This Statement confirms that the undersigned has authorized and designated J. Michael Schroeder and Todd C. Wylie, signing singly, to execute and file on the undersigned's behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that the undersigned may be required to file with the United States Securities Exchange Commission as a result of the undersigned's position with or ownership of or transactions in securities of Deluxe Corporation. The authority of J. Michael Schroeder and Todd C. Wylie under this Statement shall continue until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 or 5 with regard to the undersigned's position with or ownership of or transactions in securities of Deluxe Corporation, unless earlier revoked in writing. The undersigned acknowledges that neither Deluxe Corporation, J. Michael Schroeder nor Todd C. Wylie are assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ Edward A. Merritt
Edward A. Merritt
Dated: September 1, 2016