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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *- EPPERSON STUART W					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM MEDIA GROUP, INC. /DE/ [SALM]							_ X_	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director X 10% Owner					
3780 WI	st) LL SCAR	(First) LET RD	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2016						_X_	X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chairman of the Board						
(Street) WINSTON SALEM, NC 27104				4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							_X_ F	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing/Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(Cit	ty)	(State)	(Zip)				T	able I - N	on-Der	ivative	Securities .	Acquired,	Disposed of	, or Benefic	ially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y	ear) Exe	2A. Deemed Execution Da any (Month/Day/		f C	(Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquire (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		D) Owner Trans	nount of Securities Beneficial ad Following Reported action(s) . 3 and 4)		C F	wnership or orm: B	. Nature f Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
					Ì			Code	V	mount	(A) or (D)	Price	2		(1	r Indirect () nstr. 4)	Instr. 4)	
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	Table 3A. Deemed			s, calls, w	arr	ants, opti	ons, co	nvertib	le securitie	s) .		8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. 5. Number of Derivat Securities				tive Date (Month/Day/Year)				7. Title ar of Underl Securities	•		9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned		11. Nature p of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
	Security				of (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)									Following Reported Transaction(s)	Direct (D) or Indirect	i í		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	ble	Expir	ration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 4.85	03/08/2016		A		50,000		03/08/2	2017 <sup>(1</sup>	03/0	8/2025 <mark>(2</mark> )	Class A Commo Stock	n 50,000	\$ 0	50,000	D		

# **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
EPPERSON STUART W 3780 WILL SCARLET RD WINSTON SALEM, NC 27104	X	X	Chairman of the Board				

## **Signatures**

/s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for Stuart W. Epperson pursuant to a continuing Power of Attorney	03/10/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

# **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) The options vest annually in four (4) equal installments commencing March 8, 2017.
- (2) Each annual installment of the option expires on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the vesting date. The last installment to vest will expire on March 8, 2025.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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