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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 an Santrella | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SALEM MEDIA GROUP, INC. /DE/ [SALM] | | | | | | | | | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------|-----------------|--|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2016 | | | | | | | | X_Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President - Broadcast Media | | | | | | |
| (Street) CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (Cir | ty) | (State) | (Zip) | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disp | | | | | | | | , Disposed of | posed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye | | | ear) Exe | Execution Date, if | | | Code (Anstr. 8) | | A. Securities Acquires A) or Disposed of (I Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or (D) Pr | | (D) Own Tran | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Ownership Form: | Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| Reminder: | Report on a s | separate line for each | | II - Der | rivati | ive Securi | ities | Acquired | Persons his forr urrentl | n are r y valid | | ed to res ntrol nun | spond unles nber. | | n contained n displays a | in SEC | 1474 (9-02) | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | e Execution Date, if T | 4. Transac Code | 5. Number of Derivati Securities | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration 7. of Office (Month/Day/Year) Sec (In | | | | | | | f 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s | Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | ible | Expir | ration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 4.85 | 03/08/2016 | | A | | 25,000 | | 03/08/ | 2017 ⁽¹ | 03/0 | 8/2025(2 | Class Comm Stoc | on 25,000 | \$ 0 | 25,000 | D | | | |

Reporting Owners

| D (1 0 N / | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Santrella David P 4880 SANTA ROSA ROAD CAMARILLO, CA 93012 | | | President - Broadcast Media | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/Christopher J. Henderson, Attorney-in-fact for David P. Santrella 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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