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1. Name and A Wierdsma T		2. Issuer Name ar Symbol GEO GROUP I	NC [GEO]	ading	5. Relationship of Issuer (Chec	Reporting Pe	
	(First) (Middle) PLACE, SUITE V 53RD STREET	3. Date of Earliest ⁷ (Month/Day/Year) 04/11/2017	Transaction		Director X Officer (give below) SVP-Pro		% Owner ner (specify ment
BOCA RAT	(Street) ON, FL 33487	4. If Amendment, I Filed(Month/Day/Ye	-		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by M Form filed by M Person	One Reporting F	Person
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-	-Derivative Sec	curities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. De (Month/Day/Year) 2A. De Execut any (Month	ion Date, if Transac Code n/Day/Year) (Instr. 8	ctior(A) or Disp (D) 3) (Instr. 3, 4 a	osed of and 5) (A) or	Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Restricted Stock	04/11/2017	Code A	10,000	(D) Price A \$0	40,000	D	
Common Stock					62,246	D	
Common Stock					617	I	By self as custodian for B. Wierdsma
Common Stock					617	I	By self as custodian for Oliver

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			Thomas Adams
Common Stock	617	I	By self as custodian for Lauren Diane Wierdsma
Common Stock	617	I	By self as custodian for Robert Oliver Wierdsma

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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)	of		Date	Amou Unde Secur	le and unt of rlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wierdsma Thomas M ONE PARK PLACE, SUITE 700 621 NW 53RD STREET BOCA RATON, FL 33487			SVP-Project Development	

Signatures

/s/ John J. Bulfin, As Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas M. Wierdsma

04/13/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Vesting of this grant of restricted stock of GEO is contingent upon the achievement by GEO of certain performance-based metrics during the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 as certified by the compensation committee. Under the terms of the restricted

stock grant, these shares will vest on March 10, 2020 to the extent the performance goals are achieved. Of the grant of restricted stock, 50% is subject to vesting based on GEO's total shareholder return over a three-year period and 50% is subject to vesting based on certain return on capital employed performance goals being met.

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