

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>Hansen James</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>1711 GOLD DRIVE SOUTH, SUITE 100</b><br>(Street)<br><b>FARGO, ND 58103</b><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>Sterling Real Estate Trust [ NONE ]</b> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>____ Director _____ 10% Owner<br>____ Officer (give title below) ____ <b>X</b> ____ Other (specify below)<br><b>Trustee</b> |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)<br><b>10/17/2016</b>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><br>____ <b>X</b> ____ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                                 |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |                |                                   |                           |   |                                                                   |            |         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)                                                  | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |         | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|                                                                                  |                |                                   | Code                      | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price   |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |
| Common Shares                                                                    | 10/17/2016     |                                   | P                         |   | 872.5303 (1)                                                      | A          | \$15.20 | 56132.8213                                                                                    | D                                                        |                                                       |

| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                                                        |                |                                   |                           |   |                                                                                        |                                         |  |                                                                                   |                 |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                                                  |                                                        |
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| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)                                                                             | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date |  | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                 | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|                                                                                                                      |                                                        |                |                                   | Code                      | V |                                                                                        |                                         |  | Date Exercisable                                                                  | Expiration Date |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                                                  |                                                        |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes shares acquired on October 17, 2016 under the Sterling dividend reinvestment plan.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                        | Relationships |           |         |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|
|                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other   |
| Hansen James<br>1711 GOLD DRIVE SOUTH<br>SUITE 100<br>FARGO, ND 58103 |               |           |         | Trustee |

Signatures

/s/Bradley J. Swenson, Attorney-in-Fact

10/19/2016

--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 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).

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