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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading MINIFIE C DAVID Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 12/10/2013 below) EVP, Chief Marketing Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 Person (C:tr.) (Ctota) (7:-

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securit		•	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dis	sposed	of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership
							Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
							Reported	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(,		
Common Stock	12/10/2013		A	10,000	A	\$ 57.32	19,341 (1)	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	3 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (2)					12/06/2013	12/06/2013(3)	Common Stock	123.331	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MINIFIE C DAVID 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

EVP, Chief Marketing Officer

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact)

12/12/2013

**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).
- Ownership includes this award of 10,000 restricted stock units. Half of the units will vest in three annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. The remaining half are performance stock units. The number of performance stock units vesting over three annual installments is predicated on meeting a one year performance condition. In addition, ownership includes previous awards of 7,000 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (3) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Minifie's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Minifie may elect.

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