

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Watterson Sarah  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 45 FL  (Street)  NEW YORK, NY 10105  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWCASTLE INVESTMENT CORP [NCT]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CEO & President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
No securities beneficially owned	0	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Watterson Sarah 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 45 FL NEW YORK, NY 10105			CEO & President	

**Signatures**

/s/ Cameron D. MacDougall, as Attorney-in-Fact	09/30/2016
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

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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POWER OF ATTORNEY  
For Executing Forms 3, 4 and 5

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Cameron MacDougall, Lawrence A. Goodfield, Jr. and Sara A. Yakin, each acting alone, her true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1)

execute for and on behalf of the undersigned a Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5, or any amendment thereto, relating to the securities of Newcastle Investment Corp., in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(2)

do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of such Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5, or any amendment thereto, and the timely filing of such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and

(3)

take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in her discretion. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as such attorney-in-fact might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by Newcastle Investment Corp. unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of September, 2016.

By:

/s/ Sarah Watterson  
Sarah Watterson  
Chief Executive Officer & President