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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
   Knierim Timothy J
   (Last) (First) (Middle)
   522 5TH AVENUE
   (Street)
   NEW YORK NY 10036
   (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
   12/8/2016

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   MORGAN STANLEY EMERGING MARKETS DEBT FUND INC MSD

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
   (Check all applicable)
   __ Director
   x Officer (give title below)
   __ 10% Owner
   __ Other (specify title below)
   __ 10% Owner
   __ Other (specify title below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   __ Form filed by One Reporting Person
   __ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
   __ Form filed on behalf of issuer

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)

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/S/ Elise Clark  
12/16/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person  
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/s/ Mary E. Mullin  
2/2/2017  
** Signature of Reporting Person  
Date