Piano Steven Form 4 February 18, 2010

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Piano Steven

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

Symbol

MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL

(Check all applicable)

INC [MGI]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) below) 02/17/2010

EVP, HR & Corporate Services

1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH

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

Person

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Me	onth/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 2.78	02/17/2010		A		250,000		(2)	02/17/2020	Common Stock	250,000

# **Reporting Owners**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Piano Steven

1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH E

**EVP, HR & Corporate Services** 

### **Signatures**

Kristen N.A. Holovnia on behalf of Steven
Piano 02/18/2010

\*\*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).
- (1) Non-qualified stock option granted pursuant to MoneyGram International, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended, pursuant to the Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement dated February 17, 2010.
  - Options for 50% of the shares are considered "Time Vested" and options for 50% of the shares are considered "Performance Vested." The Time Vested options will vest in equal installments over five years on the anniversary of the grant date. The Performance Vested options will vest as follows: Options for 50% of the shares will vest when the value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$3.75
- (2) per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date; and options for 50% of the shares will vest when the value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$5.25 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date. If the shares of common stock of the Corporation are not publicly traded, then vesting for the options that are Performance Vested will be vested in the manner set forth in the stock option agreement.

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