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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Phillips Donald James II

(Middle)

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/04/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Managing Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	-Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/04/2008		M	15,000	A	\$ 14.13	353,602	D	
Common Stock	09/04/2008		M	9,500	A	\$ 2.77	363,102	D	
Common Stock							32,500	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	09/04/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	13,319	D	\$ 65.5144 (3)	349,783	D	
Common Stock	09/04/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	1,681	D	\$ 66.4298	348,102	D	

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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 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. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.13	09/04/2008		M	15,000	(2)	05/01/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.77	09/04/2008		M	9,500	(2)	05/01/2010	Common Stock	9,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Phillips Donald James II C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606	X		Managing Director				
Signatures							
/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney							
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

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- * 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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 9, 2006.
- (2) The options became exercisable in four equal installments on May 1, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$65.21 to \$66.11. The price reported above reflects the weighted
- (3) average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
 - This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$66.26 to \$67.07. The price reported above reflects the weighted
- (4) average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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