

HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Zabaneh Samir Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC [HPY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 90 NASSAU STREET, 2ND FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/21/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/21/2015		M	827	A	\$ 0	5,061	D
Common Stock	12/21/2015		F	280	D	\$ 94.59	4,781	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)

Table with 8 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Amount or Number of Shares. Row 1: Restricted Stock Unit (1), (2), 12/21/2015, M, 827, (3), 12/19/2019, Common Stock, 827.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Row 1: Zabaneh Samir Michael, 90 NASSAU STREET, 2ND FLOOR, PRINCETON, NJ 08542; Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Other.

Signatures

/s/ Robert H.B. Baldwin, Jr., Attorney in Fact, 12/23/2015. **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) Each vested restricted stock unit was the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock.
(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the common stock of the Issuer.
(3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 19, 2015.

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