

Shields James E.
Form 4
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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 *
Shields James E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2828 NORTH HARWOOD STREET, 15TH FLOOR
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/13/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and CFO

DALLAS, TX 75201

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 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)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2.49	07/13/2010	A	2,000,000		<u>(2)</u>	07/13/2020	Common Stock	2,000,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shields James E. 2828 NORTH HARWOOD STREET, 15TH FLOOR DALLAS, TX 75201			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Corinna Ulrich, attorney-in-fact 07/14/2010

__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 a Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement dated July 13, 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. Half of the Performance Vested options will vest when the Corporation's common stock closes at or above \$4.00 per share for 20 consecutive trading days during the
- (2) five-year period following the grant date, and the other half of the Performance Vested options will vest when the Corporation's common stock closes at or above \$5.25 per share for 20 consecutive trading days during the five-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 vest in the manner set forth in the stock option agreement.

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