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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI] Everett Timothy C. (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5956 SHERRY LANE, Â SUITE (Check all applicable) 1000 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting EVP/General Counsel/Secretary Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75225 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 0 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	vative Security 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	(2)	01/13/2020	Common Stock	1,750,000	\$ 3.17	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
1 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Everett Timothy C. 5956 SHERRY LANE SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75225	Â	Â	EVP/General Counsel/Secretary	Â

Signatures

Kristen N.A. Holovnia on behalf of Timothy C. Everett 01/21/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 January 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. 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

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(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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