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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Lee Nigel

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

04/22/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 100

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

EVP, EMEAAP Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

MINNEAPOLIS, MNÂ 55416

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

(I)

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

or Indirect (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

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

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative

4.

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Date Expiration Exercisable Date

Title Amount or Number of

Shares

Security

(I)

(Instr. 5)

Stock Option (right to buy) $\stackrel{\text{(1)}}{=}$ \hat{A} $\stackrel{\text{(2)}}{=}$ 04/22/2020 Common Stock 2,500,000 \$ 3.36 D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lee Nigel 1550 UTICA AVENUE SOUTH			EVD	
SUITE 100	Â	Â	EVP, EMEAAP	Â
MINNEAPOLIS. MN 55416				

Signatures

Timothy C. Everett on behalf of Nigel Lee

05/03/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 April 22, 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 \$4.00
- (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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