

Huang Tao
Form 4
December 18, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Huang Tao

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/16/2008		M	20,400 A	\$ 10.98 281,064	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2008		M	20,000 A	\$ 10.98 301,064	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2008		M	22,533 A	\$ 10.98 323,597	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2008		M	50,000 A	\$ 10.98 373,597	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2008		S ⁽²⁾	16,761 D	\$ 30.6044 356,836	D	

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Common Stock	12/16/2008	S ⁽²⁾	3,639	D	\$ 31.158 ₍₄₎	353,197	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S ⁽²⁾	15,333	D	\$ 31.6124 ₍₅₎	337,864	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S ⁽²⁾	7,200	D	\$ 32.7131 ₍₆₎	330,664	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)

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 Derivative 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)	\$ 10.98	12/16/2008		M	40,400	<u>(1)</u> 01/03/2010	Common Stock 40,400
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.98	12/17/2008		M	72,533	<u>(1)</u> 01/03/2010	Common Stock 72,533

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Huang Tao C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE	Chief Operating Officer

CHICAGO, IL 60606

Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of
attorney

12/18/2008

__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) The options became exercisable in four equal installments on January 3, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (2) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 13, 2008.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.02 to \$31.02. The price reported above reflects the weighted 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.
- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$31.03 to \$31.37. The price reported above reflects the weighted 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.
- (4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$31.26 to \$32.20. The price reported above reflects the weighted 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.
- (5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$32.28 to \$32.96. The price reported above reflects the weighted 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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