

BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR
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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 *
 BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/11/2012

PRINCETON, NJ 08542
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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		
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	05/11/2012		M	6,500	A	11	528,552 D
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	05/11/2012		F ⁽²⁾	2,142	D	\$ 30.41	526,410 D ⁽³⁾

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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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Unit (4)	\$ 0	05/11/2012		M	6,500	(5) (5)	Common Stock	6,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. 90 NASSAU STREET PRINCETON, NJ 08542			President	

Signatures

/s/ Robert H.B.
Baldwin, Jr. 05/15/2012

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 common stock of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. (the "Issuer"). The reporting person settled the vested restricted stock units for shares of the Issuer's common stock.
 - (2) The reporting person authorized the Issuer to withhold shares of common stock to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of the restricted stock units described in this Form 4.

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- The reporting person is the direct beneficial owner of 526,410 shares of common stock of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc., excluding 142.05 shares of common stock of the Issuer held in the Issuer's 401(k) plan. The reporting person is also the indirect beneficial owner of 91,325 shares of common stock of the Issuer which are held by the Margaret J. Sieck and Whitney H. Baldwin as Trustees for an Indenture created June 30, 2004. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held in the Indenture, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3)
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the common stock of the Issuer.
- On May 11, 2009, the restricted stock units were granted with vesting in four equal installments over a four year period. As of the date of this filing, 19,500 of the restricted stock units have vested and 6,500 restricted stock units remain unvested. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock units.
- (5)

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