

Huang Tao
Form 4
December 30, 2010

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Huang Tao

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 22
WEST WASHINGTON STREET

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60602

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2010

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 below) ____ Other (specify
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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/29/2010		M		1,000	A	\$ 23.3429 (3)
Common Stock	12/29/2010		S(1)		1,000	D	\$ 52.67
Common Stock	12/30/2010		M		1,000	A	\$ 23.3455 (4)
Common Stock	12/30/2010		S(1)		1,000	D	\$ 53.78

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.3429 (3)	12/29/2010		M	1,000	(2) 05/02/2015	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.3455 (4)	12/30/2010		M	1,000	(2) 05/02/2015	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Huang Tao C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET CHICAGO, IL 60602	Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney

12/30/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 3, 2010

(2) The options became exercisable in 4 equal installments on May 2, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

(3) The exercise price increases over the term of the option at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury bond yield as of the date of grant (\$18.50).
On December 29, 2010, the exercise price was \$23.3429.

(4) The exercise price increases over the term of the option at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury bond yield as of the date of grant (\$18.50).
On December 30, 2010, the exercise price was \$23.3455.

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