

MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC
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MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 18, 2011 (April 15, 2011)
MoneyGram International, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-31950

16-1690064

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**2828 N. Harwood Street, 15th Floor
Dallas, Texas**

75201

(Address of principal
executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(214) 999-7552**
Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events

On April 15, 2011, a complaint was filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware by Willie R. Pittman purporting to be a class action complaint on behalf of all shareholders and a shareholder derivative complaint against MoneyGram International, Inc. (the Company), Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P. (THL), the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (Goldman Sachs) and each of the Company's directors. Ms. Pittman alleges in her complaint that she is a stockholder of the Company and asserts, among other things, (i) breach of fiduciary duty and disclosure claims against the Company's directors, THL and Goldman Sachs, (ii) breach of the Company's certificate of incorporation claims against the Company, THL and Goldman Sachs, and (iii) claims for aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duties against Goldman Sachs. Ms. Pittman purports to sue on her own behalf and on behalf of the Company and its stockholders. Ms. Pittman seeks to, among other things, enjoin or rescind the proposed recapitalization of the Company, pursuant to which, among other things, subject to the terms and conditions in the recapitalization agreement, certain affiliates and co-investors of THL (the THL Investors) will convert all of their shares of Series B Preferred Stock of the Company into common stock of the Company and certain affiliates of Goldman Sachs (the GS Investors) will convert all of their shares of Series B-1 Preferred Stock of the Company into shares of Series D Preferred Stock of the Company. The Company intends to defend the lawsuit vigorously, including opposing the request to enjoin the recapitalization.

About MoneyGram International, Inc.

MoneyGram International, Inc. is a leading global payment services company. The Company's major products and services include global money transfers, money orders and payment processing solutions for financial institutions and retail customers. The Company is a New York Stock Exchange listed company with 227,000 global money transfer agent locations in 191 countries and territories. For more information, visit the Company's website at www.moneygram.com.

Forward Looking Statements

The statements contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K regarding MoneyGram International, Inc. that are not historical and factual information contained herein, particularly those statements pertaining to the Company's expectations, guidance or future operating results, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and are made under the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are only as of the date they are made, and unless legally required, the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statement. Words such as estimates, expects, projects, plans and other similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as will, could, and would are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. For instance, although the Company, the THL Investors and the GS Investors have entered into a Recapitalization Agreement dated March 7, 2011 in connection with the recapitalization (the Recapitalization Agreement), there is no assurance that they will complete the proposed recapitalization. The Recapitalization Agreement will terminate if the companies do not receive the necessary approval of the Company's stockholders or if the Company, the THL Investors or the GS Investors fail to satisfy conditions to closing. These forward-looking statements are also subject to changes in circumstances due to a number of factors, including, but not limited to the following: (a) our substantial dividend and debt service obligations and our covenant requirements which could impact our ability to obtain additional financing and to operate and grow our business; (b) sustained illiquidity of global financial markets which may adversely affect our liquidity and our agents' liquidity, our access to credit and capital and our agents' access to credit and capital and our earnings on our investment portfolio; (c) weak economic conditions generally and in geographic areas or industries that are important to our business which may cause a decline in our money transfer growth rate and transaction volume and/or revenue; (d) a material slow down or complete disruption of international migration patterns which could adversely affect our money transfer volume and growth rate; (e) a loss of material retail agent relationships or a reduction in transaction volume from them; (f) our ability to develop and implement successful pricing strategies for our services; (g) stockholder lawsuits and other litigation or government investigations of the Company or its agents which could result in material costs, settlements, fines or penalties; (h) our ability to maintain sufficient banking relationships; (i) our ability to attract and retain key employees; (j) our ability to maintain capital sufficient to pursue our growth strategy, fund key strategic initiatives and meet evolving regulatory requirements;

(k) our ability to successfully and timely implement

new or enhanced technology and infrastructure, delivery methods and product and service offerings and to invest in products, services and infrastructure; (l) our ability to adequately protect our brand and our other intellectual property rights and to avoid infringing on third-party intellectual property rights; (m) competition from large competitors, niche competitors or new competitors that may enter the markets in which we operate; (n) the impact of laws and regulatory requirements including the recently enacted Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations required to be developed thereunder, and other industry practices in the U.S. and abroad, including changes in laws, regulations or other industry practices and standards that may increase our costs of doing business, reduce the market for or value of our services or change our relationships with our customers, investors and other stakeholders; (o) our offering of money transfer services through agents in regions that are politically volatile or, in a limited number of cases, are subject to certain Office of Foreign Assets Control restrictions which could result in contravention of U.S. law or regulations by us or our agents which could subject us to fines and penalties and cause us reputational harm; (p) a breakdown, catastrophic event, security breach, privacy breach, improper operation or other event impacting our systems or processes or our vendors , agents or financial institution customers systems or processes, which could result in financial loss, loss of customers, regulatory sanctions and damage to our brand and reputation; (q) our ability to scale our technology to match our business and transactional growth; (r) our ability to manage our credit exposure to retail agents and financial institution customers; (s) our ability to mitigate fraud risks from consumers, agents and other third parties; (t) our ability to successfully manage risks associated with running Company-owned retail locations and acquiring new businesses; (u) our ability to successfully manage risks associated with our international sales and operations including the potential for political, economic or other instability in countries that are important to our business; (v) our compliance with the internal control provisions of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002; (w) the outcome of positions we take with respect to federal, state, local and international taxation; and (x) additional risk factors described in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ James E. Shields
Name: James E. Shields
Title: Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 18, 2011