

Holmes W. Alexander
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Holmes W. Alexander

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2828 NORTH HARWOOD STREET, 15TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/21/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and CFO

DALLAS, TX 75201

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 ⁽¹⁾	03/21/2012		A	8,157 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 12,769	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)

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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
Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 18.39	03/21/2012		A	13,526	⁽³⁾ 03/21/2022	Common stock	13,526

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Holmes W. Alexander 2828 NORTH HARWOOD STREET 15TH FLOOR DALLAS, TX 75201			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Corinna Ulrich,
attorney-in-fact

03/22/2012

**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) Represents the target number of shares of common stock that can be awarded upon vesting of performance-based restricted stock units granted as of the date of this report upon achieving target performance goals over the performance period of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014, with 50% of the restricted stock units vesting if the performance goal is achieved as of the second anniversary of the grant date and 50% of the restricted stock units vesting if the performance goal is achieved as of the third anniversary of the grant date. If the target performance goal is not met but a certain threshold is achieved, or if a maximum performance goal is achieved, the reporting person will be entitled to from 50% up to 200% of the restricted stock units vesting for the period, respectively.
 - (2) Non-qualified stock option granted pursuant to the MoneyGram International, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended, pursuant to a Stock Option Agreement dated March 21, 2012.
 - (3) Options will vest in four equal installments over four years on each anniversary of the grant date.

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