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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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obligations

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Lee Nigel

(Print or Type Responses)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL

INC [MGI]

(Check all applicable)

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

02/15/2011

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

EVP, EMEAAP

2828 N. HARWOOD ST., 15TH

(First)

(Street)

FLOOR

(Instr. 3)

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '	/ (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 2.91	02/15/2011		A	500,000		<u>(2)</u>	02/15/2021	Common Stock	500,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lee Nigel 2828 N. HARWOOD ST. 15TH FLOOR DALLAS, TX 75201

EVP, EMEAAP

Signatures

/s/ Timothy C. Everett, attorney-in-fact

02/17/2011

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Non-qualified stock option granted pursuant to MoneyGram International, Inc. 2005 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended, pursuant to a Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement dated February 15, 2011.
 - Options for 50% of the shares are considered "Time Vested" and options for 50% of the shares are considered "Performance Vested." The Time Vested options will vest in equal installments over five years on the anniversary of the grant date. Half of the Performance Vested options will vest when the Corporation's common stock closes at or above \$4.00 per share for 20 consecutive trading days during the
- (2) five-year period following the grant date, and the other half of the Performance Vested options will vest when the Corporation's common stock closes at or above \$5.25 per share for 20 consecutive trading days during the five-year period following the grant date. If the shares of common stock of the Corporation are not publicly traded, then vesting for the options that are Performance Vested will vest in the manner set forth in the stock option agreement.

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