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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Phillips Donald James II			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Chook an approach)		
C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE			(Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Managing Director		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
CHICAGO, IL	, 60606		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	oror Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (4 and 5 (A) or	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)
Common Stock	10/02/2008		Code V M	Amount 12,500	(D)	Price \$ 14.13	360,602	D	
Common Stock	10/02/2008		M	9,500	A	\$ 2.77	370,102	D	
Common Stock							32,500	I	By GRAT
Common Stock	10/02/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	8,095	D	\$ 57.1842 (3)	362,007	D	
Common Stock	10/02/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	3,505	D	\$ 58.0271	358,502	D	

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Common Stock	10/02/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	200	D	\$ 58	358,302	D
Common Stock	10/02/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 59.06	358,202	D
Common Stock	10/02/2008	S(1)	100	D	\$ 59.07	358,102	D
Common Stock	10/02/2008	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 60	357,602	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration I (Month/Day	Date	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.13	10/02/2008		M	12,500	(2)	05/01/2010	Common Stock	12,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.77	10/02/2008		M	9,500	(2)	05/01/2010	Common Stock	9,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
	X		Managing Director					

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Phillips Donald James II C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606

Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney

10/03/2008

**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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 9, 2006.
- (2) The options became exercisable in four equal installments on May 1, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$56.62 to \$57.56. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$57.65 to \$58.25. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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