

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC
Form 8-K
June 17, 2008

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

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): June 17, 2008

Commission file number 001-16111

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

58-2567903
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

10 Glenlake Parkway, North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia
(Address of principal executive offices)

30328-3473
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (770) 829-8000

NONE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On June 17, 2008, Global Payments Inc. (the Company), entered into a purchase agreement and limited liability partnership with HSBC Bank plc (HSBC) to provide payment processing services to merchants in the United Kingdom and Internet merchants globally. The new company will operate under the name HSBC Merchant Services.

Under the terms of the agreement, and pending regulatory approvals and customary closing conditions, the Company will pay HSBC \$439 million in cash to acquire a 51% majority ownership in the partnership. The Company will manage the day-to-day operations of the partnership and will consolidate the partnership's financial results for accounting purposes effective with the closing date. HSBC will retain ownership of the remaining 49% and will contribute its existing merchant acquiring business in the United Kingdom to the partnership. In addition, HSBC has agreed to a ten-year marketing alliance in which HSBC will refer customers to the partnership for payment processing services in the United Kingdom. The transaction is expected to be completed within two months.

Important additional information will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) when the transaction is completed.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated June 17, 2008

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.

Global Payments Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: June 17, 2008

By: /s/ Joseph C. Hyde
Joseph C. Hyde

Chief Financial Officer