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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI] Holmes W. Alexander (Month/Day/Year) 07/12/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2828 NORTH HARWOOD (Check all applicable) STREET, 15TH FLOOR (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting SVP Corp Strategy & IR Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75201 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 1,700 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 3. Title and Amount of 5. 6. Nature of Indirect 2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Title Direct (D) Security

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	(2)	08/11/2019	Common Stock	800,000	\$ 2.3	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	(4)	02/17/2020	Common Stock	200,000	\$ 2.78	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy) (5)	(6)	07/11/2021	Common Stock	400,000	\$ 3.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Holmes W. Alexander			SVP			
2828 NORTH HARWOOD STREET	â	Â	Corp	â		
15TH FLOOR	А	А	Corp Strategy &	А		
DALLAS, TX 75201			IR			

Date

Signatures

/s/ Corinna Ulrich, attorney-in-fact 07/21/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 August 11, 2009.
- 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 vest in equal installments over five years on the anniversary of the grant date. The Performance Vested options vest as follows: options for 50% of the shares vest when the value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$3.50 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date; and options for 50% of the shares vest when the value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$5.25 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date.
- (3) 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 17, 2010.
- 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 vest in equal installments over five years on the anniversary of the grant date. The Performance Vested options vest as follows: options for 50% of the shares vest when the value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$3.75 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date; and options for 50% of the shares vest when the value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$5.25 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date.
- (5) 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 July 11, 2011.
- (6) 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 vest in equal installments over five years on the anniversary of the grant date. The Performance Vested options vest as follows: options for 50% of the shares vest when the value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$4.50 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date; and options for 50% of the shares vest when the

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value of the common stock of the Corporation has reached \$5.25 per share for a period of 20 consecutive trading days during the 5-year period following the grant date.

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