

BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR
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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 *
 BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC [HPY]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2012

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice Chairman

(Street)
 PRINCETON, NJ 08542

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/17/2012		M		5,000	A	\$ 8.88
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/17/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		5,000	D	\$ 28.1979 ⁽²⁾

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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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	12/10/2012		A	9,051	(5) (5)	Common Stock	9,051
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.88	12/17/2012		M	5,000	(6) 05/11/2014	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC. 90 NASSAU STREET PRINCETON, NJ 08542			Vice Chairman	

Signatures

/s/ Robert H.B.
Baldwin, Jr. 12/18/2012

**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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 12, 2012.

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- (2) This price is the weighted average price of the 5,000 shares of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.'s (the "Issuer") common stock sold. The prices actually paid for the shares of the Issuer's common stock sold ranged from \$28.04 to \$28.50. The reporting person will provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the SEC Staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range of prices actually paid.

- (3) The reporting person is the direct beneficial owner of 516,410 shares of common stock of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc., excluding 142.92 shares of common stock of the Issuer held in the Issuer's 401(k) plan. The reporting person is also the indirect beneficial owner of 91,325 shares of common stock of the Issuer which are held by the Margaret J. Sieck and Whitney H. Baldwin as Trustees for an Indenture created June 30, 2004. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held in the Indenture, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.'s Common Stock.

- (5) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 10, 2013. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock units.

- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on May 11, 2010. As of the date of this filing, 71,475 have vested and 23,825 options remain unvested.

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