

BALDWIN ROBERT H B JR
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FORM 4

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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/01/2013

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

C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

(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) |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 03/01/2013 | | M | 30,000 | A \$ 0 | 543,180 | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 03/01/2013 | | F(1) | 13,335 | D \$ 31.62 | 529,845 | D (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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 03/01/2013 | | M ⁽⁴⁾ | 30,000 | (5)(6) (5)(6) | Common Stock | 30,000 |

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. 03/06/2013

 **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) Shares were withheld from the Reporting Person, in an exempt transaction under Rule 16b-3, solely to satisfy tax obligations arising from the vesting of the restricted stock described in this Form 4.
- (2) The Reporting Person is the direct beneficial owner of 513,180 shares of common stock of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. (the "Issuer"), 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

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purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock.
- (4) The earnings per share target described in footnote 5 below was met for the year ended December 31, 2012, so 50% of the restricted stock units vested on March 1, 2013.

Each restricted stock unit will vest 50% on March 1, 2013, 25% on March 1, 2014, and 25% on March 1, 2015 only if over the term of these restricted stock units, the following diluted earnings per share targets for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014 are achieved.: 2012: \$1.48 2013:\$1.74 2014: \$2.04 Diluted earnings per share will be calculated on a pro forma basis to exclude

- (5) non-operating gains and losses, if any, and excluding the after-tax impact of stock compensation expense. These performance-based restricted stock units are subject to a "catch-up" provision pursuant to which the restricted stock units will vest from earlier years in which the diluted earnings per share goals were not attained if the diluted earnings per share goals in later years are attained. (Continued footnote 5).

In addition, in the event of a "change of control" of the Issuer (as defined in its Amended and Restated 2008 Equity Incentive Plan) that was approved by a majority of the Issuer's Board of Directors and its stockholders that represents a 25% premium in the Issuer's common stock price over the average trading price of its common stock over the thirty trading days prior to the offer for the Issuer and the acquisition of the Issuer is completed thereto, then all of these restricted stock units granted will vest and the shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying such restricted stock units will be issued and delivered. If the reporting person is not employed by the Issuer at the relevant vesting date of the restricted stock units, the unvested portion of such restricted stock units will terminate.

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