

HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC
 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 *
 CARR ROBERT O

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)
 12/22/2015

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board and CEO

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	12/22/2015		J ⁽¹⁾	26,562	A \$ 0	334,067	D ⁽²⁾
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	12/22/2015		F	12,871	D \$ 95.72	321,196	D ⁽²⁾

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) Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. (the "Issuer") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 15, 2015 (the "Merger Agreement") with Global Payments Inc., Data Merger Sub One, Inc. and Data Merger Sub Two, LLC. The reporting person is expected to be a "disqualified individual" for purposes of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the Issuer's Board of Directors approved the acceleration of the vesting and settlement of certain equity awards held by the reporting person to December 22, 2015 for purposes of mitigating the effects of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

(2) The reporting person's indirect beneficial ownership consists of 150,412 shares of the Issuer's common stock held by The Robert O. Carr 2000 Irrevocable Trust for Emmalee Carr. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the Issuer's common stock held by The Robert O. Carr 2000 Irrevocable Trust for Emmalee Carr. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the shares of the Issuer's common stock for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(3) Each vested restricted stock unit was the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock. The reporting person settled the vested restricted stock units for shares of the Issuer's common stock.

(4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer'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 restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 6, 2014. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.

(7) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 19, 2015. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.

(8) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning December 11, 2016. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.

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