

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 *
 Zabaneh Samir Michael

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)
 90 NASSAU STREET, 2ND FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/22/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

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
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2015 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | 8,736 | A | \$ 0 | 13,517 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/22/2015 | | F | 3,306 | D | \$ 95.72 | 10,211 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (2) 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.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning April 7, 2015. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable following the vesting of the restricted stock unit.
- (5) 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 units.
- (6) 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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