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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Holmes W. Alexander		(Month/Day/Year)	MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL INC [MGI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	07/12/2011	
2828 NORTH HARWOOD STREET, Â 15TH FLOOR			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DALLAS, Â TX Â 75201			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			SVP Corp Strategy & IR	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,700	D	Â

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

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

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

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

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Corinna Ulrich,
attorney-in-fact

07/21/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (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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