

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 16, 2012

Commission file number 001-16111

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Georgia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

58-2567903
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

10 Glenlake Parkway, North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia
(Address of principal executive offices)

30328-3473
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 770-829-8000

NONE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On July 16, 2012, Global Payments Inc. (the "Company") announced certain executive changes. Joseph Hyde will resign his position as President - International effective August 1, 2012. Morgan Schuessler, currently the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, will be assuming the position of President - International as of August 1, 2012.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

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| 99.1 | Press Release dated July 16, 2012 |
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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Global Payments Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: July 18, 2012

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Global Payments Announces Executive Changes

ATLANTA, JULY 16, 2012 - Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN), a leader in payment processing services, announced organization changes today.

Morgan ("Mac") Schuessler, currently the company's Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, will be assuming the position of President - International as of August 1, 2012. Mr. Schuessler will oversee the company's business units in Europe and Asia. In his current role, Mr. Schuessler has supported the company's international growth through his existing responsibilities for global operations, marketing and human resources. He is also a current board member of the company's Asia-Pacific joint venture and will join the board of the company's joint venture in Spain.

Joseph Hyde, currently the company's President - International, will be leaving Global Payments to join a privately-held financial services firm unrelated to the payments industry as Chief Financial Officer. Prior to taking the international assignment in 2008, Mr. Hyde served as Chief Financial Officer for Global Payments.

"I am delighted that Mac has accepted this critical position, and I am confident that he will continue to drive strong international expansion for Global Payments. Joe has been a key contributor to our company's success, and we thank him for his extraordinary efforts," said Chairman and CEO Paul R. Garcia.

Global Payments Inc. is a leading provider of electronic transaction processing services for merchants, Independent Sales Organizations (ISOs), financial institutions, government agencies and multi-national corporations located throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. Global Payments, a Fortune 1000 company, offers a comprehensive line of processing solutions for credit and debit cards, business-to-business purchasing cards, gift cards, electronic check conversion and check guarantee, verification and recovery including electronic check services, as well as terminal management. Visit www.globalpaymentsinc.com for more information about the company and its services.