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): October 2, 2014

Commission file number 001-16111



Georgia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

10 Glenlake Parkway, North Tower, Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices) 30328-3473 (Zip Code)

58-2567903

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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

NONE

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

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 2, 2014, Global Payments Inc., a Georgia corporation, issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2014. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated October 2, 2014

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

Date: October 2, 2014

<u>By: /s/ Cameron M. Bready</u> Cameron M. Bready Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



Global Payments Reports First Quarter Earnings

Increases Annual Fiscal 2015 Revenue, Margin and Cash EPS Outlook

ATLANTA, October 2, 2014 -- Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN) today announced results for its fiscal first quarter ended August 31, 2014.

"We are delighted with our performance for the first quarter, which represents an excellent start to our 2015 fiscal year and further demonstrates the success of our focus on solid business execution and disciplined capital deployment," said Jeff Sloan, Chief Executive Officer. "We continue to expand our direct distribution globally and are enthusiastic about our agreements to acquire Ezidebit and Fidelity National Information Services' gaming business. Both of these transactions underscore our strategy to drive direct sales growth in attractive markets, deliver innovative products and solutions and leverage technological advantages."

First Quarter 2015 Summary

- Revenues grew 12% to \$704.9 million, compared to \$629.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2014.
- Cash diluted earnings per share¹ grew 22% to \$1.22, compared to \$1.00 in the first quarter of fiscal 2014.
- GAAP diluted earnings per share were \$1.10, compared to \$0.87 in the first quarter of 2014.

2015 Outlook

Cameron Bready, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, stated, "As a result of our strong first quarter performance and the anticipated closing of the Ezidebit transaction during our fiscal second quarter, we are raising our annual fiscal 2015 revenue outlook to \$2.74 billion to \$2.79 billion, or 7% to 9% percent growth. In addition we are increasing our outlook for annual fiscal 2015 diluted earnings per share on a cash basis to a range of \$4.65 to \$4.75, reflecting growth of 13% to 15% over fiscal 2014, and annual fiscal 2015 GAAP diluted earnings per share is expected to be in the range of \$3.89 to \$3.99. We also now expect annual fiscal 2015 core cash operating margins to expand by as much as 40 basis points."

¹See Schedule 2 for cash earnings and Schedules 6 and 7 for reconciliations of historical cash earnings to GAAP.

First Quarter 2015 Dividend

Global Payments' board of directors approved fiscal 2015 first quarter dividend of \$0.02 per common share payable November 28, 2014 to shareholders of record as of November 14, 2014.

Conference Call

Global Payments' management will host a conference call today, October 2, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. ET to discuss financial results and business highlights. Callers may access the conference call via the investor relations page of the company's website at <u>www.globalpaymentsinc.com</u>; or callers in North America may dial 877-674-6428 and callers outside North America may dial 970-315-0457. A replay of the call will be archived on the company's website within two hours of the live call.

About Global Payments

Global Payments Inc. is one of the largest worldwide providers of payment solutions for merchants, value added resellers, enterprise software providers, financial institutions, government agencies, multi-national corporations and independent sales organizations located throughout North America, Brazil, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. Global Payments, a Fortune 1000 company, offers a comprehensive line of solutions and services 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.

This announcement and comments made by Global Payments' management may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe-harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that are not historical facts, including revenue and earnings estimates and management's expectations regarding future events and developments, are forward-looking statements and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Important factors that may cause actual events or results to differ materially from those anticipated by such forward-looking statements include our ability to safeguard our data; increased competition from non-traditional competitors; our ability to update our products and services in a timely manner; potential systems interruptions or failures; software defects or undetected errors; our ability to maintain Visa and MasterCard registration and financial institution sponsorship; our reliance on financial institutions to provide clearing services in connection with our settlement activities; our potential failure to comply with card network requirements; increased attrition of merchants, referral partners or independent sales organizations; our ability to increase our share of existing markets and expand into new markets; unanticipated increases in chargeback liability; increases in credit card network fees; changes in laws, regulations or network rules or interpretations thereof; foreign currency exchange and interest rate risks; political, economic and regulatory changes in the foreign countries in which we operate; future performance, integration and conversion of acquired operations; loss of key personnel; and other risks detailed in our SEC filings, including the most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K. We undertake no obligation to revise any of these statements to reflect future circumstances or the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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SCHEDULE 1 UNAUDITED GAAP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (In thousands, except per share data)

	Т	August 31,			
		2014		2013	% Change
		(unau	udited))	
Revenues	\$	704,895	\$	629,685	11.9 %
Operating expenses:					
Cost of service		259,839		230,745	12.6 %
Sales, general and administrative		320,658		291,556	10.0 %
		580,497		522,301	11.1 %
Operating income		124,398		107,384	15.8 %
Other income (expense):					
Interest and other income		1,192		3,338	(64.3)%
Interest and other expense		(11,010)		(7,879)	39.7 %
		(9,818)		(4,541)	116.2 %
Income before income taxes		114,580		102,843	11.4 %
Provision for income taxes		(30,146)		(31,135)	(3.2)%
Net income		84,434		71,708	17.7 %
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests, net of income tax		(9,068)		(7,065)	28.4 %
Net income attributable to Global Payments	\$	75,366	\$	64,643	16.6 %
Earnings per share attributable to Global Payments:					
Basic	\$	1.11	\$	0.88	26.1 %
Diluted	\$	1.10	\$	0.87	26.4 %
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic		68,146		73,765	
Diluted		68,617		74,289	



SCHEDULE 2 CASH EARNINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GLOBAL PAYMENTS GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended August 31,					
	 2014		2013	% Change		
Revenues	\$ 704,895	\$	629,685	11.9 %		
Operating expenses:						
Cost of service	241,985		215,773	12.1 %		
Sales, general and administrative	323,599		290,060	11.6 %		
	 565,584		505,833	11.8 %		
Operating income	139,311		123,852	12.5 %		
Other income (expense):						
Interest and other income	1,192		3,338	(64.3)%		
Interest and other expense	(11,010)		(7,879)	39.7 %		
	(9,818)		(4,541)	116.2 %		
Income before income taxes	129,493		119,311	8.5 %		
Provision for income taxes	(35,430)		(36,686)	(3.4)%		
Net income	 94,063		82,625	13.8 %		
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests, net of income tax	(10,303)		(8,436)	22.1 %		
Net income attributable to Global Payments	\$ 83,760	\$	74,189	12.9 %		
Earnings per share attributable to Global Payments:						
Basic	\$ 1.23	\$	1.01	21.8 %		
Diluted	\$ 1.22	\$	1.00	22.0 %		
Weighted average shares outstanding:						
Weighted average shares outstanding: Basic	68,146		73,765			
Diluted	68,617		73,765 74,289			
Diluted	68,617		74,289			

See Schedule 6 for a reconciliation of cash earnings to GAAP.

SCHEDULE 3 SEGMENT INFORMATION GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (In thousands)

		Thr									
	 2014			2013				% Change			
	 GAAP	Ca	sh Earnings		GAAP		Cash Earnings	GAAP	Cash Earnings		
Revenues:											
United States	\$ 414,042	\$	414,042	\$	363,833	\$	363,833	13.8 %	13.8 %		
Canada	89,965		89,965		86,672		86,672	3.8 %	3.8 %		
North America merchant services	 504,007		504,007		450,505		450,505	11.9 %	11.9 %		
Europe	162,787		162,787		143,188		143,188	13.7 %	13.7 %		
Asia-Pacific	38,101		38,101		35,992		35,992	5.9 %	5.9 %		
International merchant services	 200,888		200,888		179,180		179,180	12.1 %	12.1 %		
Total revenues	\$ 704,895	\$	704,895	\$	629,685	\$	629,685	11.9 %	11.9 %		
Operating income (loss) for segments:											
North America merchant services	\$ 77,937	\$	89,315	\$	69,699	\$	79,404	11.8 %	12.5 %		
International merchant services	73,602		77,137		61,541		68,757	19.6 %	12.2 %		
Corporate	(27,141)		(27,141)		(23,856)		(24,309)	(13.8)%	(11.7)%		
Operating income	\$ 124,398	\$	139,311	\$	107,384	\$	123,852	15.8 %	12.5 %		

See Schedule 7 for reconciliation of cash earnings segment information to GAAP.

SCHEDULE 4 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (In thousands, except share data)

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ASSETS				
Current assets:	¢	505 004	^	504.070
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	595,884	\$	581,872
Accounts receivable, net of allowances for doubtful accounts of \$531 and \$401, respectively		206,641		214,574
Claims receivable, net		758		809
Settlement processing assets		1,141,608		780,917
Inventory		5,660		6,636
Deferred income taxes		12,793		12,963
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		43,380		45,673
Total current assets		2,006,724		1,643,444
Goodwill		1,324,374		1,337,285
Other intangible assets, net		511,265		535,173
Property and equipment, net		363,415		369,753
Deferred income taxes		100,813		101,928
Other		32,765		31,067
Total assets	\$	4,339,356	\$	4,018,650
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Lines of credit	\$	652,157	\$	440,128
Current portion of long-term debt		31,250		17,677
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		248,639		290,106
Settlement processing obligations		634,061		451,317
Income taxes payable		13,390		12,390
Total current liabilities		1,579,497		1,211,618
Long-term debt		1,388,750		1,376,002
Deferred income taxes		209,941		209,099
Other long-term liabilities		90,655		89,132
Total liabilities		3,268,843		2,885,851
Commitments and contingencies				
Equity:				
Preferred stock, no par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized and none issued		—		—
Common stock, no par value; 200,000,000 shares authorized; 67,672,753 issued and outstanding at August 31, 2014 and 68,845,643 issued and outstanding at May 31, 2014		_		_
Paid-in capital		139,141		183,023
Retained earnings		822,461		815,980
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(19,351)		(1,776
Total Global Payments shareholders' equity		942,251		997,227
Noncontrolling interests		128,262		135,572
Total equity		1,070,513	-	1,132,799
Total liabilities and equity	\$	4,339,356	\$	4,018,650

SCHEDULE 5

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (In thousands)

Three Months Ended August 31, 2014 2013 Cash flows from operating activities: Net income \$ 84,434 \$ 71,708 Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities: Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment 16,712 13,981 Amortization of acquired intangibles 17,854 14,393 Share-based compensation expense 4.066 4,788 Provision for operating losses and bad debts 4,308 5,234 Deferred income taxes 3,705 5,784 Other, net (755) (1,891) Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effects of acquisitions: 7,933 802 Accounts receivable Claims receivable (3,864) (2,742) (179,462) (115,383) Settlement processing assets and obligations, net 981 4,448 Inventory 644 16,772 Prepaid expenses and other assets Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities (22,151) (40,207) Income taxes payable 1,000 248 (63,473) (23,187) Net cash used in operating activities Cash flows from investing activities: Business, intangible and other asset acquisitions, net of cash acquired (4,773)Capital expenditures (18,157) (20,263) Principal collections on financing receivables 219 665 Net proceeds from sales of investments and business 10,528 990 Net cash used in investing activities (12,183) (18,608) Cash flows from financing activities: Net borrowings on short-term lines of credit 212,029 141,026 Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt 390,000 440,000 Principal payments under long-term debt (363,679) (331,515) Repurchase of common stock (132, 283)(143,700) Proceeds from stock issued under share-based compensation plans 12,588 3,998 Common stock repurchased - share-based compensation plans (15, 105)(4,604) Tax benefit from share-based compensation plans 3,154 1,213 Distributions to noncontrolling interests (11,249) (12,482) Dividends paid (1,370) (1,456) Net cash provided by financing activities 94,085 92,480 (4,417) (5,268) Effect of exchange rate changes on cash Increase in cash and cash equivalents 14,012 45,417 680,470 Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period 581,872 595,884 725,887 Cash and cash equivalents, end of period \$ \$

SCHEDULE 6 RECONCILIATION OF CASH EARNINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO GLOBAL PAYMENTS TO GAAP GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended August 31, 2014									
		GAAP	Other ¹	Cash Earnings Adjustments ²	Cash Earnings					
Revenues	\$	704,895	\$ _ \$	— \$	704,895					
Operating expenses:										
Cost of service		259,839	_	(17,854)	241,985					
Sales, general and administrative		320,658	2,941	—	323,599					
		580,497	2,941	(17,854)	565,584					
Operating income		124,398	(2,941)	17,854	139,311					
Other income (expense):										
Interest and other income		1,192	—	—	1,192					
Interest and other expense		(11,010)	—	—	(11,010)					
		(9,818)	—	_	(9,818)					
Income (loss) before income taxes		114,580	(2,941)	17,854	129,493					
(Provision) benefit for income taxes		(30,146)	588	(5,872)	(35,430)					
Net income (loss)		84,434	(2,353)	11,982	94,063					
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests, net of income tax		(9,068)	—	(1,235)	(10,303)					
Net income (loss) attributable to Global Payments	\$	75,366	\$ (2,353) \$	10,747 \$	83,760					
Diluted shares		68,617			68,617					
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	1.10	\$ (0.03) \$	0.15 \$	1.22					

	Three Months Ended August 31, 2013								
	GAAP	Other ¹	Cash Earnings Adjustments ²	Cash Earnings					
Revenues	\$ 629,685 \$	— \$	- 1	629,685					
Operating expenses:									
Cost of service	230,745	(579)	(14,393)	215,773					
Sales, general and administrative	291,556	(1,496)	_	290,060					
	 522,301	(2,075)	(14,393)	505,833					
Operating income	 107,384	2,075	14,393	123,852					
Other income (expense):									
Interest and other income	3,338	_	_	3,338					
Interest and other expense	(7,879)	—	—	(7,879)					
	 (4,541)	_	_	(4,541)					
Income (loss) before income taxes	 102,843	2,075	14,393	119,311					
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	(31,135)	(789)	(4,762)	(36,686)					
Net income (loss)	 71,708	1,286	9,631	82,625					
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests, net of income tax	(7,065)	—	(1,371)	(8,436)					
Net income (loss) attributable to Global Payments	\$ 64,643 \$	1,286 \$	8,260 \$	5 74,189					
Diluted shares	74,289			74,289					
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.87 \$	0.02 \$	0.11 \$	5 1.00					

¹ For the three months ended August 31, 2014, represents a gain on the sale of a component of our Russia business that leased ATMs to our sponsor bank in Russia. For the three months ended August 31, 2013, year represents one-time charges primarily related to employee termination benefits and resolution of a contract related contingency.

² Represents adjustments to cost of service to exclude acquisition intangible amortization expense and the related income tax benefit.

We supplemented our reporting of income and the related earnings per share information determined in accordance with GAAP by reporting income and the related earnings per share for the three months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013 on a "cash earnings" basis in this earnings release as a measure to help evaluate performance. We calculated income and earnings per share on a cash basis by excluding amounts related to a gain on the sale of a component of our Russia business that leased ATMs to our sponsor bank in Russia and acquisition intangible amortization. We exclude these charges in order to more clearly focus on the factors we believe are pertinent to the daily management of our operations. Our income and earnings per share reported on a cash earnings basis should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, income and earnings per share determined in accordance with GAAP. Our measures of income and earnings per share on a cash earnings basis reflect management's judgment of particular items, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

SCHEDULE 7 RECONCILIATION OF CASH EARNINGS SEGMENT INFORMATION TO GAAP GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (In thousands)

		Three Months Ended August 31,												
	 2014						2013							
	 GAAP	(Other ¹	Cash Earnings Adjustments ²		Cash Earnings	_	GAAP	C	Other ¹		Cash Earnings Adjustments ²		Cash Earnings
Revenues:														
United States	\$ 414,042	\$	— \$	_	\$	414,042	\$	363,833	\$	_	\$	_	\$	363,833
Canada	89,965		_	_		89,965		86,672		_		_		86,672
North America merchant services	 504,007		-	-		504,007	_	450,505		-		_		450,505
Europe	162,787		_	_		162,787		143,188		_		_		143,188
Asia-Pacific	38,101		_	—		38,101		35,992		_		_		35,992
International merchant services	 200,888		_	_		200,888		179,180		-		_		179,180
Total revenues	\$ 704,895	\$	- \$		\$	704,895	\$	629,685	\$	_	\$		\$	629,685
Operating income (loss) for segments:														
North America merchant services	\$ 77,937	\$	— \$	11,378	\$	89,315	\$	69,699	\$	2,518	\$	7,187	\$	79,404
International merchant services	73,602		(2,941)	6,476		77,137		61,541		10		7,206		68,757
Corporate	(27,141)		—	—		(27,141)		(23,856)		(453))	—		(24,309)
Operating income (loss)	\$ 124,398	\$	(2,941) \$	17,854	\$	139,311	\$	107,384	\$	2,075	\$	14,393	\$	123,852

¹ For the three months ended August 31, 2014, represents a gain on the sale of a component of our Russia business that leased ATMs to our sponsor bank in Russia. For the three months ended August 31, 2013, represents one-time charges primarily related to employee termination benefits and resolution of a contract related contingency.

² Represents acquisition intangible amortization expense.

SCHEDULE 8 OUTLOOK SUMMARY GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES (In billions, except per share data)

	Fiscal 2014 Actual	Fiscal 2015 Outlook	% Change FY14
Revenue Outlook			
Total Revenues	\$2.55	\$2.74 to \$2.79	7% to 9%
EPS Outlook			
Cash EPS	\$4.12	\$4.65 to \$4.75	13% to 15%
Acquisition-related intangibles assets, non-recurring items and processing			
system intrusion ¹	(0.75)	(0.76)	1%
GAAP Diluted EPS	\$3.37	\$3.89 to \$3.99	15% to 18%

We supplemented our reporting of income and the related earnings per share information determined in accordance with GAAP by reporting income and the related earnings per share for the fiscal years 2015 and 2014 on a "cash earnings" basis in this earnings release as a measure to help evaluate performance. We calculated income and earnings per share on a cash basis by excluding amounts related to the processing system intrusion, acquisition intangible amortization, acceleration of equity awards and other costs associated with the retirement of our former Chairman and CEO, a nonrecurring charge associated with our retained interest in Brazil, non-cash losses from the retirement of fixed assets, employee termination benefits and resolution of a contract related contingency and an adjustment to the costs associated with the debt refinancing. We exclude these charges in order to more clearly focus on the factors we believe are pertinent to the daily management of our operations. Our income and earnings per share reported on a cash earnings basis should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, income and earnings per share determined in accordance with GAAP. Our measures of income and earnings per share of particular items, and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

¹ Fiscal 2015 reflects \$0.72 of acquisition-related intangibles amortization and \$0.04 of one-time charges. Fiscal 2014 reflects acquisition-related intangibles amortization of \$0.51, processing system intrusion of (\$0.07), and non-recurring items of \$0.31. Other non-recurring items include acceleration of equity awards and other costs associated with the retirement of our former Chairman and CEO, a credit related to the sale of an interest in our Brazil business and a subsequent charge associated with our retained interest, cost associated with the debt refinancing we completed in February 2014, non-cash losses from the retirement of fixed assets, charges related to employee termination benefits and HSBC's share of dividends declared by Global Payments Asia-Pacific.