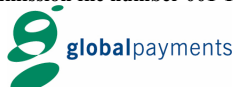

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

**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 31, 2016

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)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

As previously reported, on February 26, 2016, in connection with the acquisition by Global Payments Inc. (the “Company”) of Heartland Payment Systems, Inc. (“Heartland”), the Company and certain wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company, as borrowers or as guarantors, as applicable, entered into the First Amendment to (i) the Second Amended and Restated Term Loan Agreement and (ii) the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, each with Bank of America, N.A. (“Bank of America”), as administrative agent, and a syndicate of financial institutions, as lenders and other agents (the “Amended Credit Facility Agreement”).

On October 31, 2016, the Company and certain wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company, as borrowers or as guarantors, as applicable, entered into the Second Amendment to the Amended Credit Facility Agreement (the “Second Amendment”).

As amended by the Second Amendment, the Amended Credit Facility Agreement provides for (i) a \$1.25 billion revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility”), (ii) a \$1.75 billion term loan facility (the “Term Loan A Facility”), (iii) a \$1.48 billion term loan facility (the “Term Loan A-2 Facility”) and (iv) a \$542 million term loan facility (the “Term Loan B Facility”) and together with the Revolving Credit Facility, the Term Loan A Facility, and the Term Loan A-2 Facility, the “Credit Facilities”). The Second Amendment increased the total financing capacity available under the Credit Facilities from \$4.78 billion to \$5.03 billion, although the Company’s aggregate outstanding debt under the Amended Credit Facility Agreement did not change because the Company repaid certain outstanding amounts under the Revolving Credit Facility in connection with the Second Amendment. The Term Loan A Facility and the Term Loan A-2 Facility mature, and the Revolving Credit Facility Agreement expires, on the 5 year anniversary of the Second Amendment. The Term Loan B Facility matures on April 22, 2023.

As amended by the Second Amendment, the Amended Credit Facility Agreement provides for an interest rate with respect to borrowings under the Term Loan A Facility, the Term Loan A-2 Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility of (a) in the case of Base Rate Loans (as defined in the Amended Credit Facility Agreement), a base rate plus a margin ranging from 0.5% to 1.25%, in each case depending on the Company’s leverage ratio and (b) in the case of Eurocurrency Loans (as defined in the Amended Credit Facility Agreement) a base rate plus a margin ranging from 1.50% to 2.25%, in each case depending on the Company’s leverage ratio. As amended by the Second Amendment, the Amended Credit Facility Agreement provides for an interest rate with respect to the borrowings under the Term Loan B Facility of a base rate plus a margin of 1.50% in the case of Base Rate Loans and a base rate plus a margin of 2.50% in the case of Eurocurrency Loans. With respect to the Base Rate Loans, the base rate is the highest of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate (as defined in the Amended Credit Facility Agreement) plus 0.50%, (b) the Bank of America prime rate and (c) the applicable Eurocurrency Base Rate (as defined in the Amended Credit Facility Agreement) plus 1.00%. The Amended Credit Facility Agreement also provides for a commitment fee with respect to borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility at an applicable rate per annum ranging from 0.25% to 0.30% depending on the Company’s leverage ratio.

The Amended Credit Facility Agreement contains customary affirmative and restrictive covenants, including, among others, financial covenants based on the Company’s leverage and fixed charge coverage ratios. The Amended Credit Facility Agreement includes customary events of default, the occurrence of which, following any applicable cure period, would permit the lenders to, among other things, declare the principal, accrued interest and other obligations to be immediately due and payable.

The foregoing description of the Second Amendment and the Amended Credit Facility Agreement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Second Amendment to the Amended Credit Facility Agreement, which will be included in the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal period ending November 30, 2016.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth above in Item 1.01 of this Report is incorporated herein by reference.

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: November 1, 2016

By: /s/ Cameron M. Bready

Cameron M. Bready

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer