
**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 20, 2005

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)

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

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

30328-3495
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 770-829-8234

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 8.01 Other Events

On July 19, 2005, the Board of Directors of Global Payments Inc., or the Company, approved a 2-for-1 split of its common stock, no par value, effected in the form of a stock dividend. As a result of the stock split, shareholders will receive one additional share of common stock for every share held on the record date of October 14, 2005. The additional shares will be mailed or delivered on or about October 28, 2005 by the Company's transfer agent, SunTrust Bank. On July 20, 2005, Global Payments Inc. issued a press release announcing the 2-for-1 stock split.

The press release relating to the 2-for-1 stock split is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated July 20, 2005

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Global Payments Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: July 20, 2005

By: /s/ James G. Kelly
James G. Kelly
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

For Immediate Release

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Global Payments Announces Two-for-One Stock Split

ATLANTA, July 20, 2005 — Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN), a leader in electronic transaction processing solutions, announced today that its board of directors authorized a two-for-one stock split to be effected in the form of a stock dividend. As a result of the stock split, each shareholder will be entitled to receive one additional share of Global Payments' common stock for each share of common stock held of record on October 14, 2005. Global Payments expects the shares resulting from the split to be distributed by its transfer agent on October 28, 2005. The stock split will increase the number of shares of Global Payments' common stock outstanding from approximately 39 million to 78 million shares.

Global Payments Inc. (NYSE:GPN) is a leading provider of electronic transaction processing services for consumers, merchants, Independent Sales Organizations (ISOs), financial institutions, government agencies and multi-national corporations located throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe. Global Payments 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. The company also provides consumer money transfer services from the U.S. and Europe to destinations in Latin America, Morocco and the Philippines. For more information about the company and its services, visit www.globalpaymentsinc.com.

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