

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 23, 2010**

**Commission file number 001-16111**

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**GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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**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.)

**30328-3473**  
(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 April 23, 2010, Global Payments Inc. (the "Company"), a Georgia corporation, issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved a share repurchase program that authorized the purchase of up to \$100 million of Global Payments' stock in the open market or as otherwise may be determined by the Company, subject to market conditions, business opportunities, and other factors. This authorization has no expiration date and may be suspended or terminated at any time. Repurchased shares will be retired but will be available for future issuance. In addition, the Company has \$13 million remaining under the authorization from the Company's original share repurchase program initiated during fiscal 2007.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 23, 2010

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Global Payments Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: April 23, 2010

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ DAVID E. MANGUM  
David E. Mangum  
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#### **Global Payments Board Approves Share Repurchase Program**

**ATLANTA, April 23, 2010** – Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN) announced today that its board of directors approved a new \$100 million share repurchase authorization of Global Payments' stock.

Under this new program, Global Payments may repurchase shares in the open market or as otherwise may be determined by the company, subject to market conditions, business opportunities, and other factors. The company has no obligation to repurchase shares under this program and currently intends to use this authorization as a means of offsetting dilution from the issuance of shares under employee benefit plans.

This authorization has no expiration date and may be suspended or terminated at any time. Repurchased shares will be retired, but will be available for future issuance. In addition, the company has \$13 million remaining under the authorization from its original share repurchase program initiated during fiscal 2007.

Paul R. Garcia, Chairman and CEO, said, "This repurchase program is consistent with our commitment to create value for our shareholders. Our balance sheet strength gives us the flexibility to continue to execute our growth strategies while we implement our share repurchase program."

Global Payments Inc. (NYSE:GPN) 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 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](http://www.globalpaymentsinc.com) for more information about the Company and its services.

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*This announcement may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “safe-harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Important factors that may cause actual events or results to differ materially from those anticipated by such forward-looking statements include currency risks, global economic conditions, and a decline in the value of the U.S. Dollar, all of which could negatively impact the strength of our balance sheet and hinder our ability to carry out the goals of the repurchase program, as well as other risks detailed in our SEC filings, including the most recently filed Form 10-Q or Form 10-K, as applicable. We undertake no obligation to revise any of these statements to reflect future circumstances or the occurrence of unanticipated events.*