
**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): August 8, 2011

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.)

30328-3473
(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)

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 8.01 Other Events

On August 8, 2011, 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 at the current market price, subject to market conditions, business opportunities, and other factors. This authorization has no expiration date and may be suspended or terminated at any time.

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 August 8, 2011

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: August 8, 2011

By: /s/ David E. Mangum
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Global Payments Announces \$100 Million Share Repurchase Program

ATLANTA, August 8, 2011 — Global Payments Inc. (NYSE: GPN) announced today that the company's Board of Directors has approved a share repurchase program that authorizes the purchase of up to \$100 million of Global Payments' stock. Under this new authorization, Global Payments may repurchase shares in the open market at the then current market price, subject to market conditions, business opportunities and other factors. This authorization has no expiration date and may be suspended or terminated at any time.

David E. Mangum, Senior Executive Vice President and CFO, stated, "The share repurchase program is consistent with our capital allocation strategy, and we remain committed to deploying capital to pursue other growth opportunities and investments to increase shareholder value."

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, 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.