

Huang Tao  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Huang Tao

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Morningstar, Inc. [MORN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/16/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/16/2008		M	20,400	A	\$ 10.98	281,064	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008		M	20,000	A	\$ 10.98	301,064	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008		M	22,533	A	\$ 10.98	323,597	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008		M	50,000	A	\$ 10.98	373,597	D
Common Stock	12/16/2008		S <sup>(2)</sup>	16,761	D	\$ 30.6044	356,836	D
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Common Stock	12/16/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	3,639	D	\$ 31.158 (4)	353,197	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	15,333	D	\$ 31.6124 (5)	337,864	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S <sup>(2)</sup>	7,200	D	\$ 32.7131 (6)	330,664	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.98	12/16/2008		M	40,400	(1) 01/03/2010	Common Stock	40,400	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.98	12/17/2008		M	72,533	(1) 01/03/2010	Common Stock	72,533	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Huang Tao C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC. 225 WEST WACKER DRIVE			Chief Operating Officer	

CHICAGO, IL 60606

## Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of  
attorney

12/18/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options became exercisable in four equal installments on January 3, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (2) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 13, 2008.  
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.02 to \$31.02. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$31.03 to \$31.37. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (4) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$31.26 to \$32.20. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (5) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$32.28 to \$32.96. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Morningstar or a shareholder of Morningstar full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (6)

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