

SHERIDAN THOMAS
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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 *
SHERIDAN THOMAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS INC [HPY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/12/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Portfolio Officer

(Street)
PRINCETON, NJ 08542

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	09/12/2008		M	3,000	A \$ 9.275	89,667	D
Common Stock	09/12/2008		S	3,000	D \$ 26.05	86,667	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 9.275	09/12/2008		M	3,000	⁽³⁾ 12/01/2014	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

SHERIDAN THOMAS
C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC.
90 NASSAU STREET
PRINCETON, NJ 08542

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chief
Portfolio
Officer

Signatures

/s/ Thomas
Sheridan

09/16/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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This price is the weighted average price of the 3,000 shares sold. The prices actually paid for the shares of Heartland Payment Systems,

(1) Inc.'s Common Stock sold ranged from \$25.98 to \$26.10. The reporting person will provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the SEC Staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range of prices actually paid.

(2) The options were granted under Heartland Payment Systems, Inc.'s Second Amended and Restated 2000 Equity Incentive Plan.

(3) The option is fully vested and exercisable as of the date of this filing.

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