

Brown Sanford C
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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 *
Brown Sanford C

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/11/2010

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

C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC., 90 NASSAU STREET

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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PRINCETON, NJ 08542

(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 03/11/2010 | | M | 26,999 | A | \$ 9.8 | 41,369 | D |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | 03/11/2010 | | F | 19,011 | D | \$ 17.54 | 22,358 | D |

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Common
Stock, par
value 03/11/2010 M 7,015 A \$ 9.8 29,373 D
\$0.001 per
share

Common
Stock, par
value 03/11/2010 F 3,919 D \$ 17.54 25,454 D
\$0.001 per
share

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 | |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 9.8 | 03/11/2010 | | M | 26,999 | 04/01/2005 04/01/2010 | Common Stock | 26,999 |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 9.8 | 03/11/2010 | | M | 7,015 | 04/01/2005 04/01/2010 | Common Stock | 7,015 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Brown Sanford C
C/O HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, INC.
90 NASSAU STREET

Chief Sales Officer

PRINCETON, NJ 08542

Signatures

/s/ Sanford C.

03/15/2010

Brown

__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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