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**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): **December 29, 2008**

**MORNINGSTAR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-51280**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-3297908**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**225 West Wacker Drive**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60606**  
(Zip Code)

**(312) 696-6000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 December 29, 2008 , Morningstar, Inc., an Illinois corporation, issued a press release announcing that it had completed its previously announced acquisition of the business operations of InvestData (Proprietary) Limited, a leading provider of fund information in South Africa, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Include the following information:

(d) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued December 29, 2008 .

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

MORNINGSTAR, INC.

Date: December 29 , 2008

By: /s/ Scott Cooley

Name: Scott Cooley

Title: Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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## News Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Morningstar, Inc. Completes Acquisition of InvestData (Proprietary) Limited**

CHICAGO, Dec. 29, 2008—Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, today announced it has completed its previously announced acquisition of the business operations of InvestData (Proprietary) Limited, a leading provider of fund information in South Africa. Terms were not disclosed.

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