
**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): **September 23, 2011**

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.)

**22 West Washington Street
Chicago, Illinois**

(Address of principal executive offices)

60602

(Zip Code)

(312) 696-6000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, 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:

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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 September 23, 2011, Morningstar, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved a quarterly cash dividend of 5 cents per share payable October 31, 2011 to shareholders of record as of October 14, 2011. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated September 23, 2011 regarding quarterly dividend.

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: September 26, 2011

By: /s/ Richard E. Robbins
Name: Richard E. Robbins
Title: General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release dated September 26, 2011 regarding quarterly dividend.

**News Release**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Morningstar, Inc. Declares Regular Quarterly Dividend of 5 Cents Per Share**

CHICAGO, Sept. 23, 2011—The board of directors of Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, today declared a quarterly dividend of 5 cents per share. The dividend is payable Oct. 31, 2011 to shareholders of record as of Oct. 14, 2011.

About Morningstar, Inc.

Morningstar, Inc. is a leading provider of independent investment research in North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. The company offers an extensive line of products and services for individuals, financial advisors, and institutions. Morningstar provides data on approximately 400,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles, along with real-time global market data on more than 4 million equities, indexes, futures, options, commodities, and precious metals, in addition to foreign exchange and Treasury markets. Morningstar also offers investment management services and has more than \$180 billion in assets under advisement and management as of June 30, 2011. The company has operations in 26 countries.

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