Form 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Huang Tao

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

CHICAGO, IL 60606

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Morningstar, Inc. [ MORN ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

12/10/2008

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

_____ Director  
_____ 10% Owner  
__ X Officer (give title below)  
_____ Other (specify below)

Chief Operating Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

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

_ 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

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Title of Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)</th>
<th>Amount (A) or (D)</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>12/10/2008</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td>24200</td>
<td>A $10.98</td>
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<td>264864</td>
<td>D</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>12/10/2008</td>
<td>S (2)</td>
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<td>200</td>
<td>D $33.22</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
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<td>S (2)</td>
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<td>D $33.6675 (3)</td>
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Trans. Code</th>
<th>Deemed Execution Date, if any</th>
<th>Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</th>
<th>Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</th>
<th>Title of Securities Underlying Derivative Security</th>
<th>Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)</th>
<th>Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>$10.98</td>
<td>12/10/2008</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>24200</td>
<td>(t) 1/3/2010</td>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>24200</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>403039</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</td>
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Explanation of Responses:


(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.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from $33.22 to $34.22. 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.
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Signatures

/s/ Heidi Miller, by power of attorney  12/11/2008

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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