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): July 1, 2010

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)

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

60602
(Zip 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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 1, 2010, Morningstar, Inc., an Illinois corporation, issued press releases announcing that Morningstar Europe B.V., a subsidiary of Morningstar, had completed its previously announced acquisition of a 75 percent ownership interest in Morningstar Danmark A/S from Phosphorus A/S, bringing its ownership interest to 100 percent and that Morningstar France Holding, a subsidiary of Morningstar, had completed its previously announced acquisition of Seeds Group, a leading provider of independent consulting services and fund research in France. A copy of the press releases are filed as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2, respectively.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Include the following information:

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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: July 1, 2010

By:    /s/ Scott Cooley
Name:  Scott Cooley
Title:  Chief Financial Officer
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Morningstar Europe B.V. Completes Acquisition of Remaining Ownership Interest in Morningstar Danmark A/S

CHICAGO/COPENHAGEN, July 1, 2010—Morningstar Europe B.V., a subsidiary of Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, has completed its previously announced acquisition of a 75 percent ownership interest in Morningstar Danmark A/S from Phosphorus A/S, bringing its ownership to 100 percent. Morningstar paid Phosphorus A/S U.S. $15.2 million, or approximately DKK 91 million, plus an amount for its share of first-half 2010 net profits.

Located in Copenhagen, Morningstar Danmark was established in 2001 by Morningstar Europe and Phosphorus A/S, a Danish company. Peter Meyer, chief executive officer, and Torben Bruun, chief operating officer, will continue to lead the company.

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 Internet, software, and print-based products and services for individuals, financial advisors, and institutions. Morningstar provides data on approximately 350,000 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. The company has operations in 21 countries and a minority ownership position in a company based in one other country.

Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements
This press release contains forward-looking statements as that term is used in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on our current expectations about future events or future financial performance. Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, and often contain words such as “may,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “seek,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” or “continue.” These statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the events we discussed not to occur or to differ significantly from what we expected. For us, these risks and uncertainties include, among others, general industry conditions and competition, including current global financial uncertainty; the impact of market volatility on revenue from asset-based fees; damage to our reputation resulting from claims made about possible conflicts of interest; liability for any losses that result from an actual or claimed breach of our fiduciary duties; financial services industry consolidation; a prolonged outage of our database and network facilities; challenges faced by our non-U.S. operations; and the availability of free or low-cost investment information.
complete description of these risks and uncertainties can be found in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. If any of these risks and uncertainties materialize, our actual future results may vary significantly from what we expected. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements as a result of new information or future events.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Morningstar France Completes Acquisition of Seeds Group, Including Seeds Finance and Multiratings

CHICAGO/PARIS, July 1, 2010—Morningstar France Holding, a subsidiary of Morningstar, Inc. (Nasdaq: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, has completed its previously announced acquisition of Seeds Group, a leading provider of investment consulting services and fund research in France. Terms were not disclosed.

Seeds Group was founded in 2002 and, through its subsidiary Seeds Finance, provides investment consulting services to pension funds, insurance companies, asset managers, banks, and brokerage firms. In addition to investment consulting, Seeds Group also operates Multiratings.com, a fund research and investment education website for advisor groups and institutions.

Seeds Group and its affiliates have 12 employees based in Paris. The company will become a subsidiary of Morningstar France.

The press release announcing Morningstar’s plan to acquire Seeds Group is available at http://global.morningstar.com/seeds.

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