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 *
   
   FRANCIS CHERYL A
   
   (Last) (First) (Middle)
   
   C/O MORNINGSTAR, INC., 22 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
   
   CHICAGO, IL 60602
   
   (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   
   Morningstar, Inc. [ MORN ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)
   
   12/29/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)
   
   12/29/2011

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
   
   _ X __ Director
   
   _____ 10% Owner
   
   _____ Officer (give title below)
   
   _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   
   _ X _ Form filed by One Reporting Person
   
   ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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**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>Code</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Price</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>12/29/2011</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>$19.7361</td>
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<td>Common Stock</td>
<td>12/29/2011</td>
<td>S (1)</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>$60</td>
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Title of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Trans. Date</th>
<th>Code</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Exercisable</th>
<th>Expiration Date</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Amount or Number of Shares</th>
<th>Price of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)</th>
<th>Ownership Form of Derivative Security</th>
<th>Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</td>
<td>$19.7361 (2)</td>
<td>12/29/2011</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>12/1/2014 Common Stock</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>2217</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Direct (D)</td>
<td>Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)</td>
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**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 23, 2011.

(2) The exercise price increases over the term of the option at a rate equal to the 10-year Treasury bond yield as of the date of grant ($14.70). On December 29, 2011, the exercise price was $19.7361.


**Reporting Owners**

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<td>10% Owner</td>
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<td>Officer</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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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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